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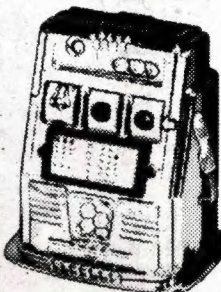


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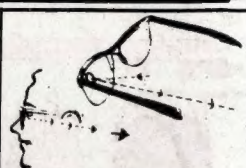
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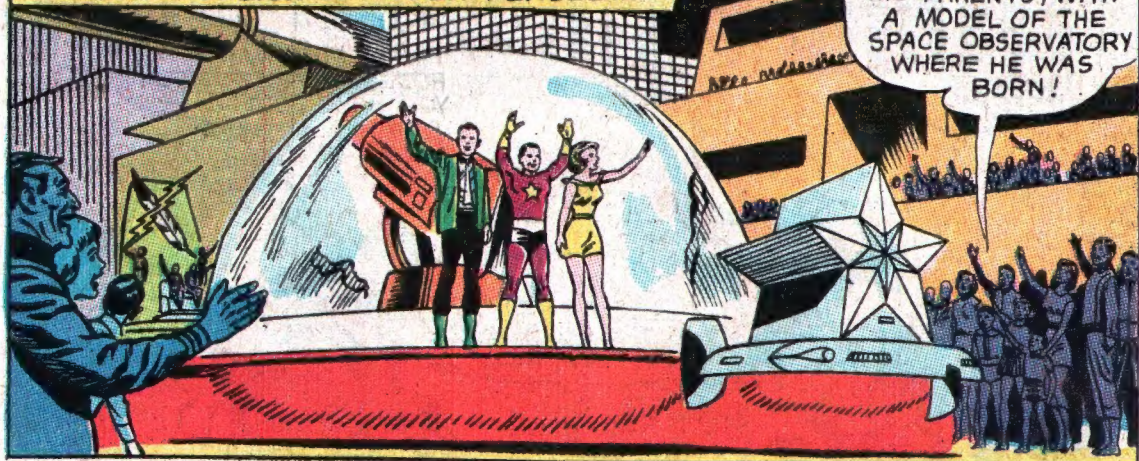
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PARENTS' DAY, THE 30TH-CENTURY COMBINATION OF MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY, IS CELEBRATED IN THE CITY OF METROPOLIS WITH A GRAND PARADE STARRING THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES...

LOOK AT THAT FIRST ANTI-GRAV FLOAT! IT'S **STAR BOY** AND HIS PARENTS, WITH A MODEL OF THE SPACE OBSERVATORY WHERE HE WAS BORN!



AND HERE ARE THE **TWIN LEGIONNAIRES**... **LIGHTNING LAD** AND **LIGHT LASS** WITH THEIR PARENTS!



THAT'S **COSMIC BOY'S** FAMILY!

THEY'RE DISPLAYING THE FLAG OF THEIR HOME WORLD, **BRAAL**!



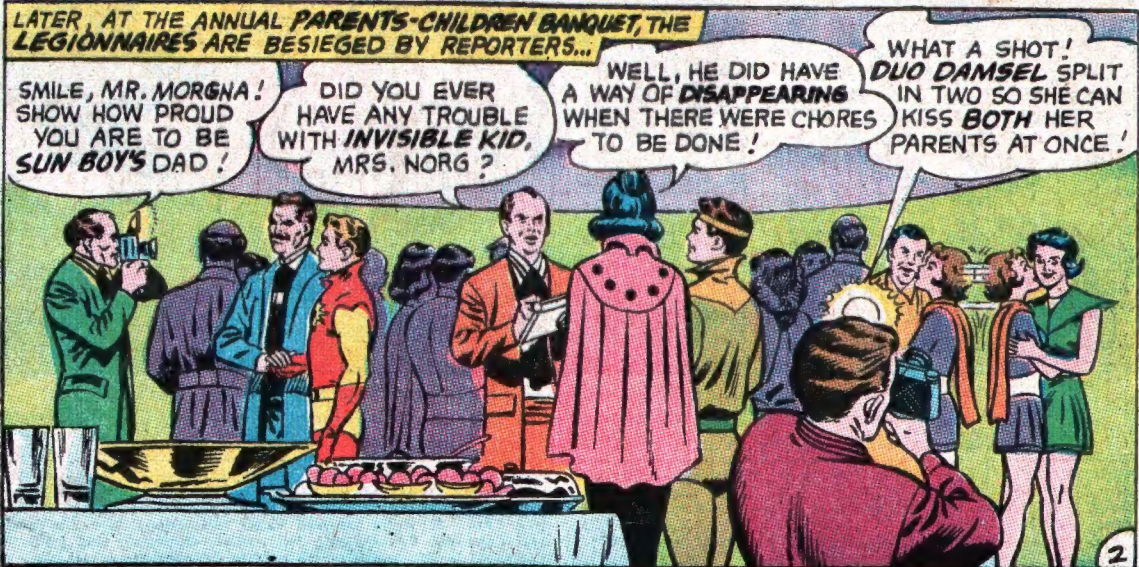
LATER, AT THE ANNUAL PARENTS-CHILDREN BANQUET, THE LEGIONNAIRES ARE BESIEGED BY REPORTERS...

SMILE, MR. MORGNA! SHOW HOW PROUD YOU ARE TO BE **SUN BOY'S** DAD!

DID YOU EVER HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH **INVISIBLE KID**, MRS. NORG?

WELL, HE DID HAVE A WAY OF **DISAPPEARING** WHEN THERE WERE CHORES TO BE DONE!

WHAT A SHOT! **DUO DAMSEL** SPLIT IN TWO SO SHE CAN KISS **BOTH** HER PARENTS AT ONCE!



BUT FIVE LEGIONNAIRES TAKE NO PART IN THE FESTIVITIES...

A BANQUET FOR THE OTHERS... SANDWICHES FOR US! BUT **SOMEBODY** NEEDS TO BE ON DUTY AT THE CLUBHOUSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!

RIGHT, **BRAINIAC 5**, AND SINCE WE'RE ALL ORPHANS, WE WERE SELECTED!

IT'S NOT SO HARD FOR US, **SUPERBOY**! YOU HAVE FOSTER PARENTS, I HAVE A SISTER...



... BUT POOR **ELEMENT LAD** HAS NO ONE! HE'S THE LAST SURVIVING MEMBER OF HIS RACE, **MON-EL**!

IT MUST BE TOUGH, **DREAM GIRL**!



"I SPENT 1000 YEARS IN THE **PHANTOM ZONE**... BUT I STILL HAVE A FAMILY ON MY HOME WORLD OF **DAXAM**... THE DESCENDANTS OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS..." *

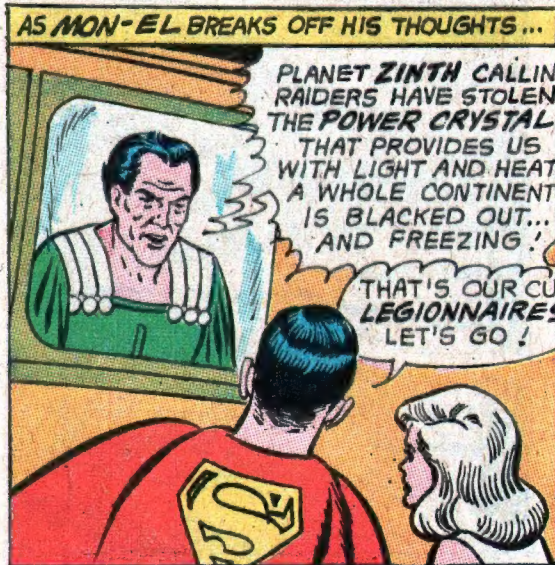


* **SUPERBOY** PLACED **MON-EL** IN THE EERIE TWILIGHT DIMENSION CALLED THE **PHANTOM ZONE** TO SAVE HIM FROM LEAD POISONING. HE WAS RELEASED WHEN **BRAINIAC 5** FOUND A CURE FOR HIM. Ed.

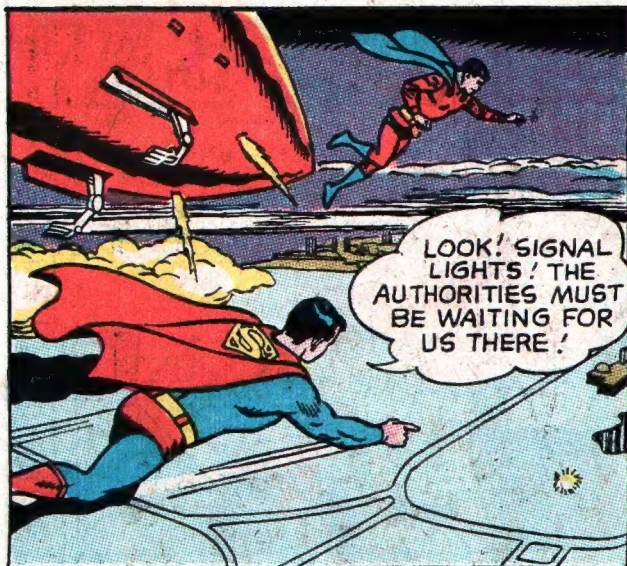
AS MON-EL BREAKS OFF HIS THOUGHTS ...

PLANET **ZINTH** CALLING! RAIDERS HAVE STOLEN THE **POWER CRYSTAL** THAT PROVIDES US WITH LIGHT AND HEAT! A WHOLE CONTINENT IS BLACKED OUT... AND FREEZING!

THAT'S OUR CUE, **LEGIONNAIRES**! LET'S GO!



AH! THERE'S **ZINTH** NOW! I'LL SIGNAL MY PALS IN THE SHIP TO PREPARE TO LAND!



WHEN THE **LEGIONNAIRES** HAVE LANDED...

WE GOT HERE AS FAST AS WE COULD! WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE RAIDERS?

THEY HAVE FLED! BUT WE BELIEVE THEY DROPPED THE CRYSTAL IN THAT DEEP POND, TO BE PICKED UP LATER!



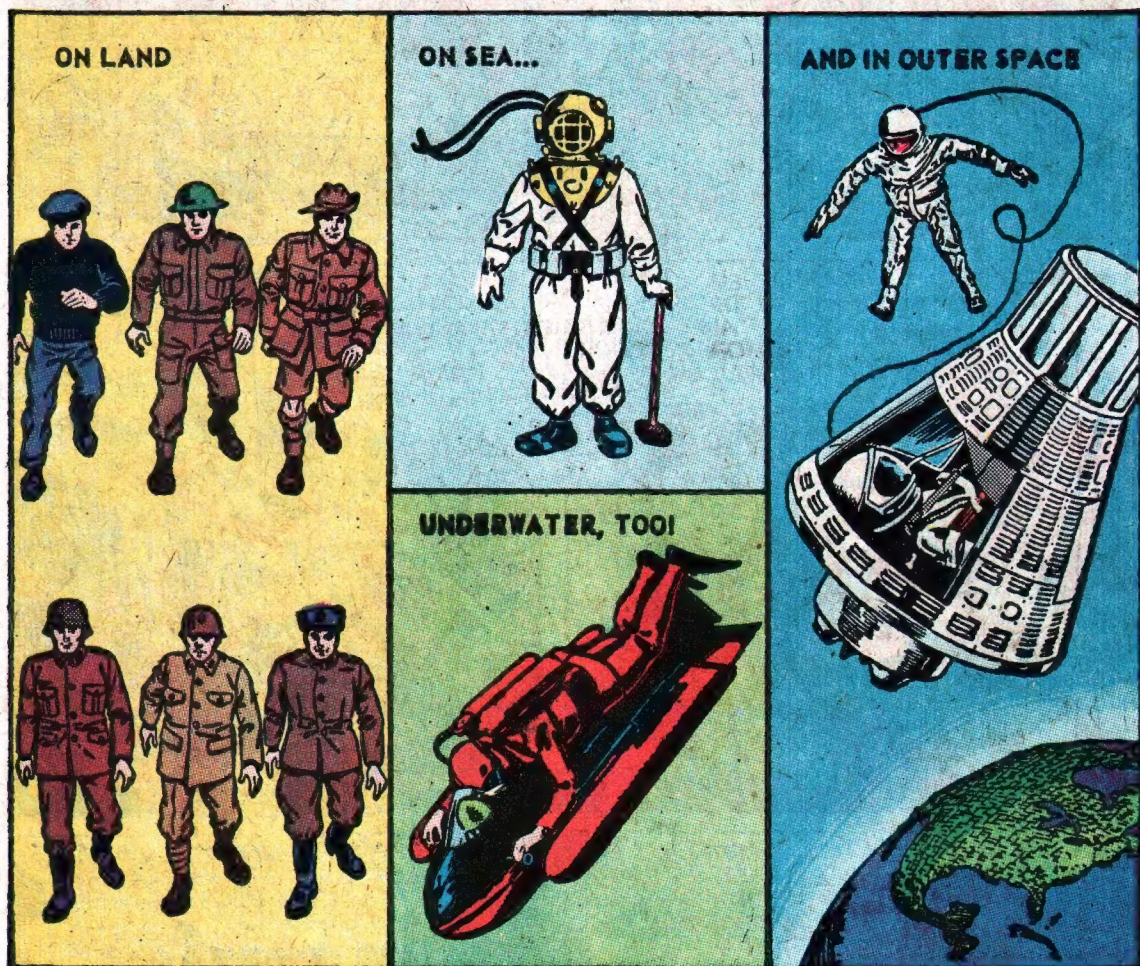
THE THREE **LEGIONNAIRES** PLUNGE INTO THE POND...



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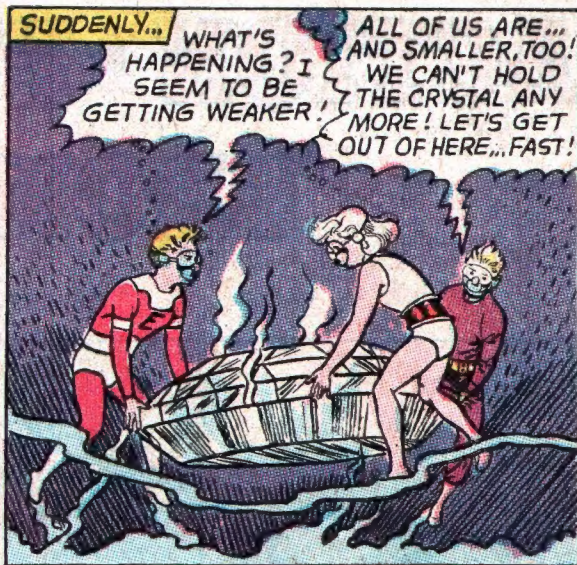
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UHH!
THIS IS
HEAVY!

EASY DOES IT!
THE THREE OF
US SHOULD JUST
ABOUT BE ABLE
TO CARRY IT!

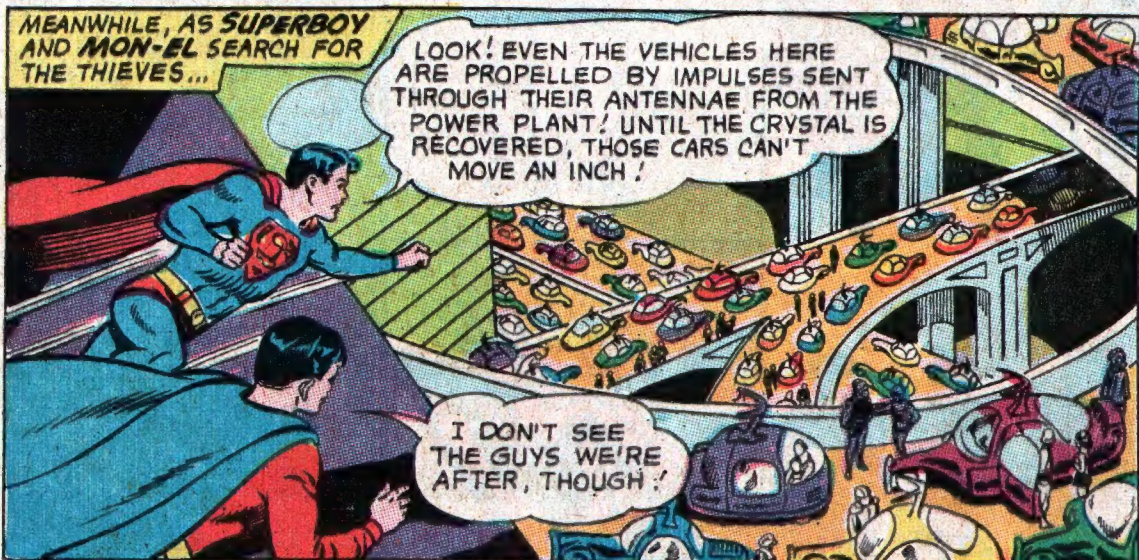


SUDDENLY...

WHAT'S
HAPPENING? I
SEEM TO BE
GETTING WEAKER!

ALL OF US ARE...
AND SMALLER, TOO!
WE CAN'T HOLD
THE CRYSTAL ANY
MORE! LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE... FAST!

MEANWHILE, AS SUPERBOY
AND MON-EL SEARCH FOR
THE THIEVES...



LOOK! EVEN THE VEHICLES HERE
ARE PROPELLED BY IMPULSES SENT
THROUGH THEIR ANTENNAE FROM THE
POWER PLANT! UNTIL THE CRYSTAL IS
RECOVERED, THOSE CARS CAN'T
MOVE AN INCH!

I DON'T SEE
THE GUYS WE'RE
AFTER, THOUGH!

WHEN THE TWO SUPER-HEROES RETURN...



NO SIGN OF THE
RAIDERS... BUT
WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOU?

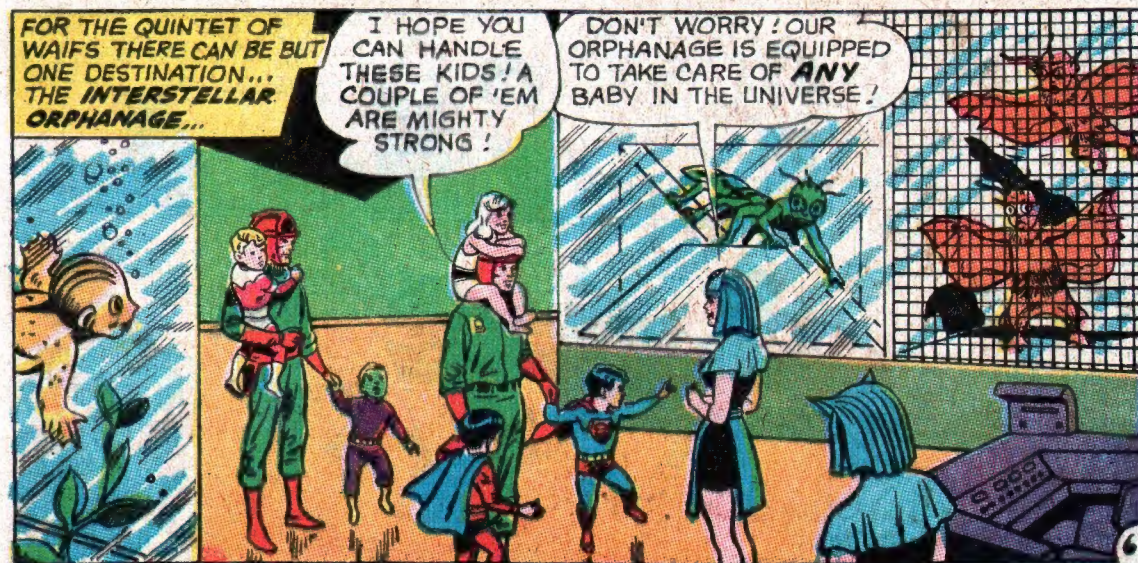
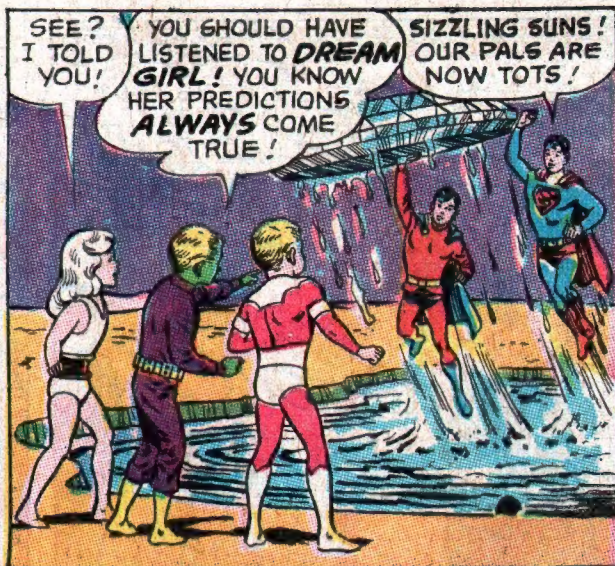
IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
SOME

FREAK EFFECT
OF THE WATER. IT
MADE US ABOUT HALF
OUR TRUE AGES!

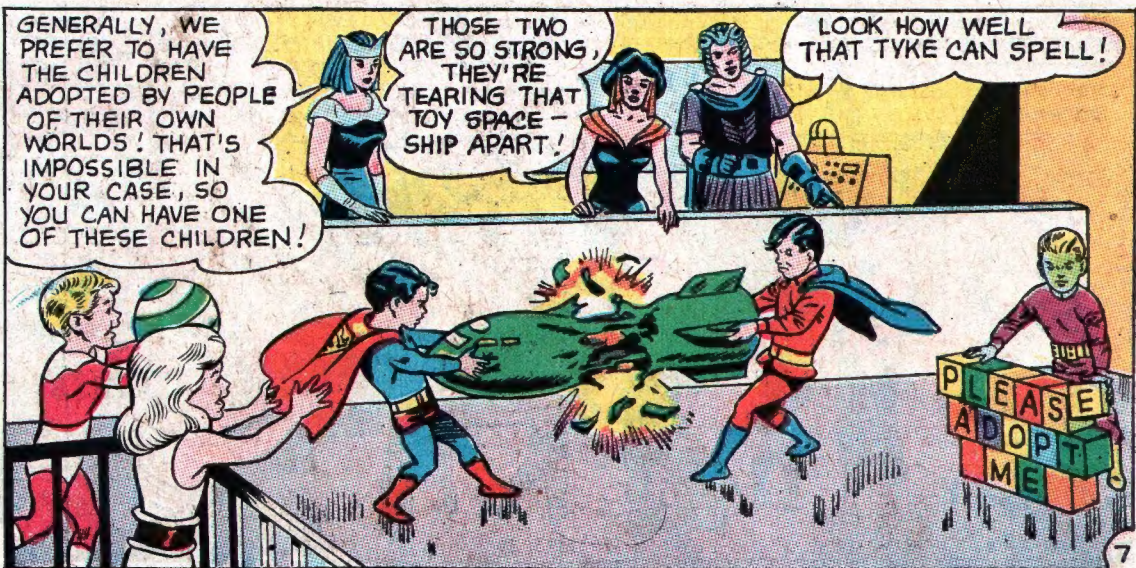
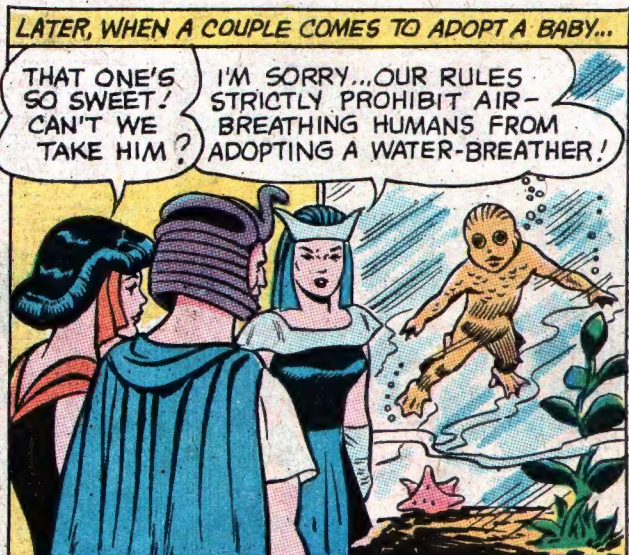
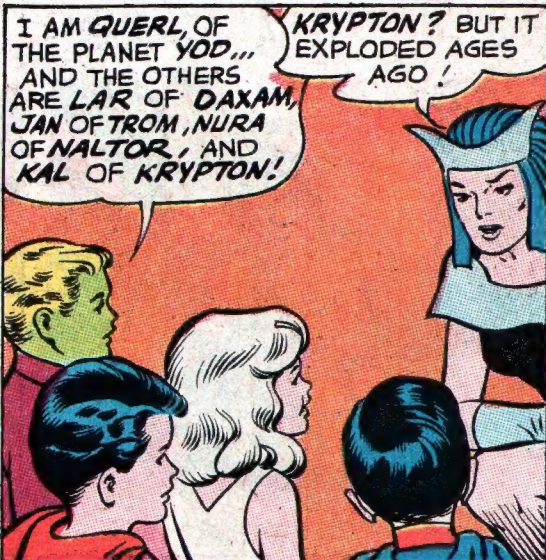
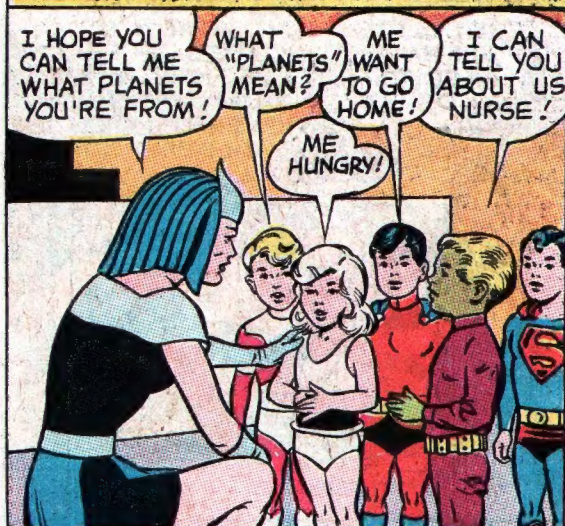


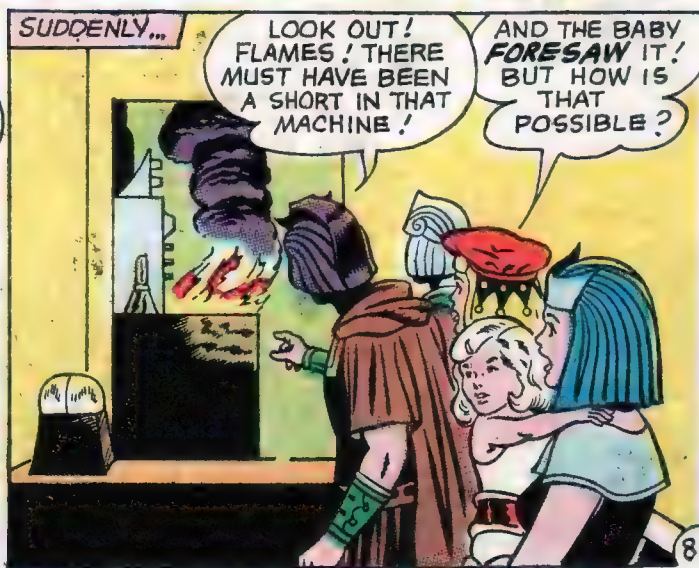
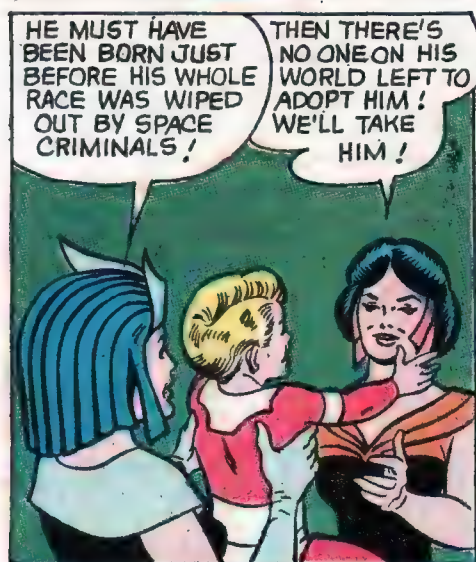
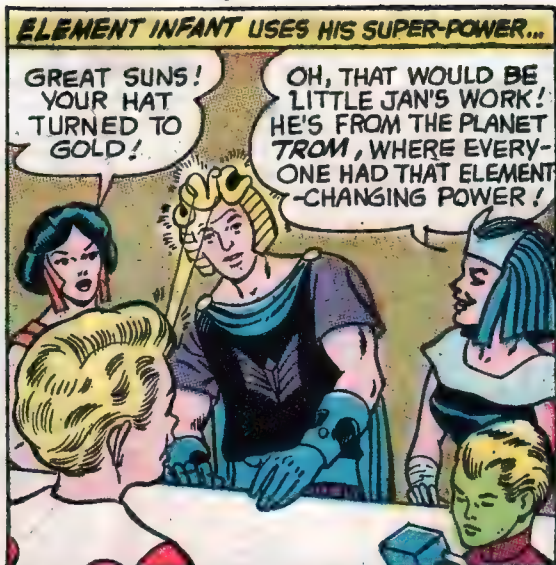
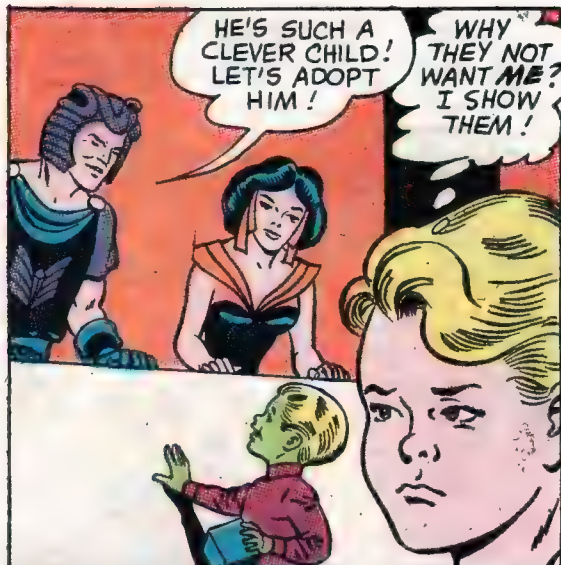
COME ON, SUPERBOY! WE'LL RETRIEVE
THE CRYSTAL! THE WATER CAN'T
AFFECT US BECAUSE WE'RE
INVULNERABLE!

NO! DON'T
DO IT! I HAVE
A PREMONITION
OF DANGER
FOR YOU!



THE NURSE EXAMINES THE FIVE FOUNDLINGS...

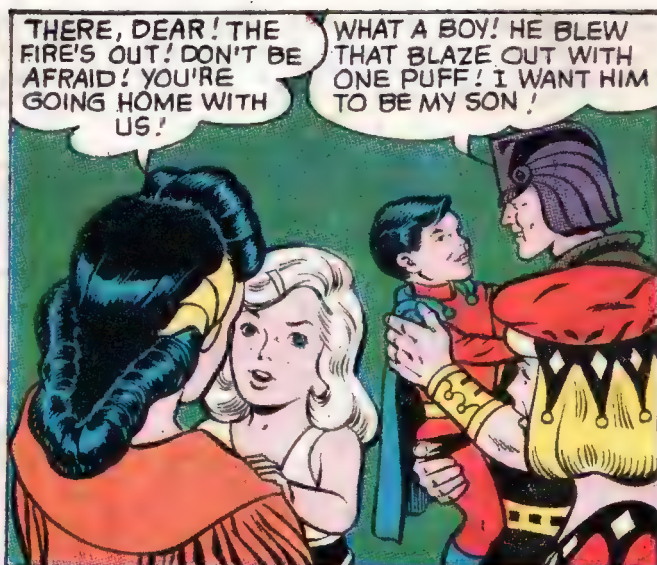






ME BLOW OUT FIRE LIKE BIRTHDAY CANDLE!

PUFFF!



THERE, DEAR! THE FIRE'S OUT! DON'T BE AFRAID! YOU'RE GOING HOME WITH US!

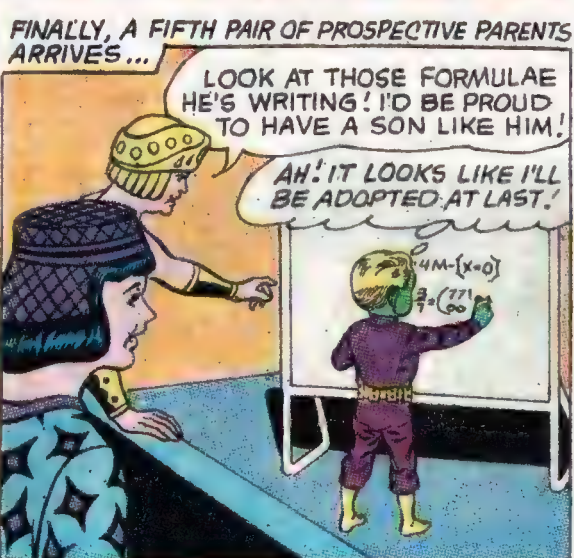
WHAT A BOY! HE BLEW THAT BLAZE OUT WITH ONE PUFF! I WANT HIM TO BE MY SON!



WHEN STILL ANOTHER COUPLE ARRIVES...

WELL, I'LL BE A BASKHIAN ROAD-RUNNER! THIS LAD'S LIGHTING MY PIPE WITH HIS HEAT VISION!

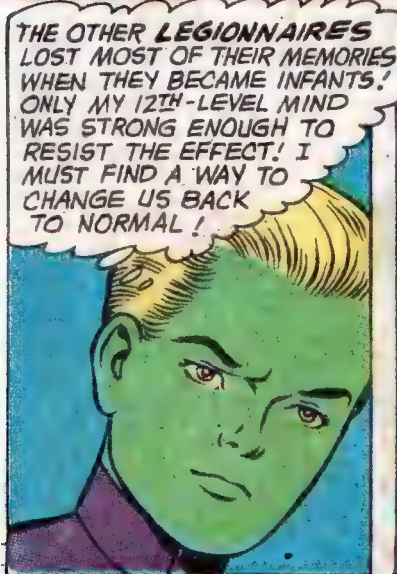
LET'S ADOPT THE LITTLE DEAR!



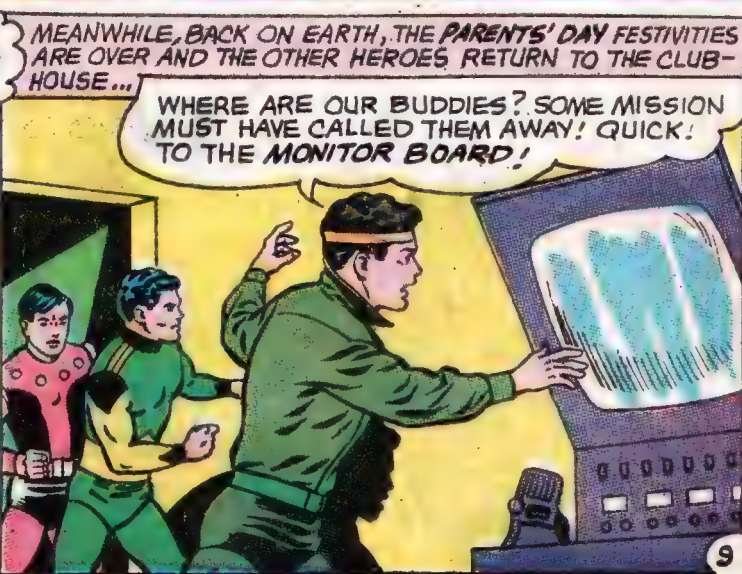
FINALLY, A FIFTH PAIR OF PROSPECTIVE PARENTS ARRIVES...

LOOK AT THOSE FORMULAE HE'S WRITING! I'D BE PROUD TO HAVE A SON LIKE HIM!

AH! IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ADOPTED AT LAST!



THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES LOST MOST OF THEIR MEMORIES WHEN THEY BECAME INFANTS! ONLY MY 12TH-LEVEL MIND WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO RESIST THE EFFECT! I MUST FIND A WAY TO CHANGE US BACK TO NORMAL!



MEANWHILE, BACK ON EARTH, THE PARENTS' DAY FESTIVITIES ARE OVER AND THE OTHER HEROES RETURN TO THE CLUB-HOUSE...

WHERE ARE OUR BUDDIES? SOME MISSION MUST HAVE CALLED THEM AWAY! QUICK! TO THE MONITOR BOARD!

WILL **INVISIBLE KID** LEARN OUR **HEROES'** PLIGHT FROM THE **MISSION MONITOR BOARD** AND **SPEED** TO THEIR **RESCUE**? NO!

CAN'T THEY? AT THAT MOMENT, **BABY BRAINIAC** HAS JUST LANDED WITH HIS NEW PARENTS ON THE **PLANET BASKH ...**



THEY MUST HAVE HAD AN EMERGENCY CALL FROM **ZINTH**! WELL, WITH **SUPERBOY** AND **MON-EL** ALONG, THEY CAN'T BE IN ANY TROUBLE!

CONGRATULATIONS, **DAQ**! LEAVE IT TO OUR TOP CHEMIST TO FIND A SON TO ADOPT!

SO MY FOSTER DAD'S A CHEMIST, EH? GOOD!

WE ALL ENVY YOU BOTH!

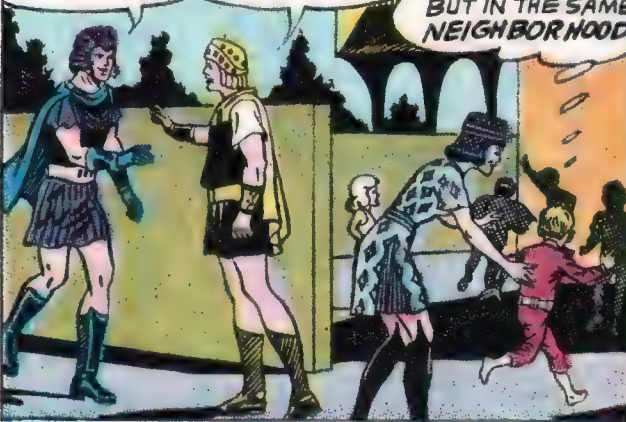


THEN...ANOTHER SURPRISE!

SAY, **DAQ**! I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU!

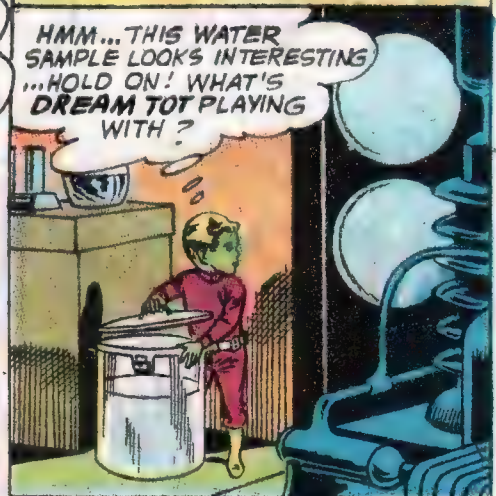
SURE, **YAG**! THE KIDS CAN PLAY TOGETHER!

GREAT SPACE! ALL OUR NEW PARENTS LIVE NOT ONLY ON THE SAME WORLD, BUT IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD!



INSTEAD OF PLAYING, **BABY BRAINIAC** SNOOPS IN HIS FOSTER FATHER'S LAB...

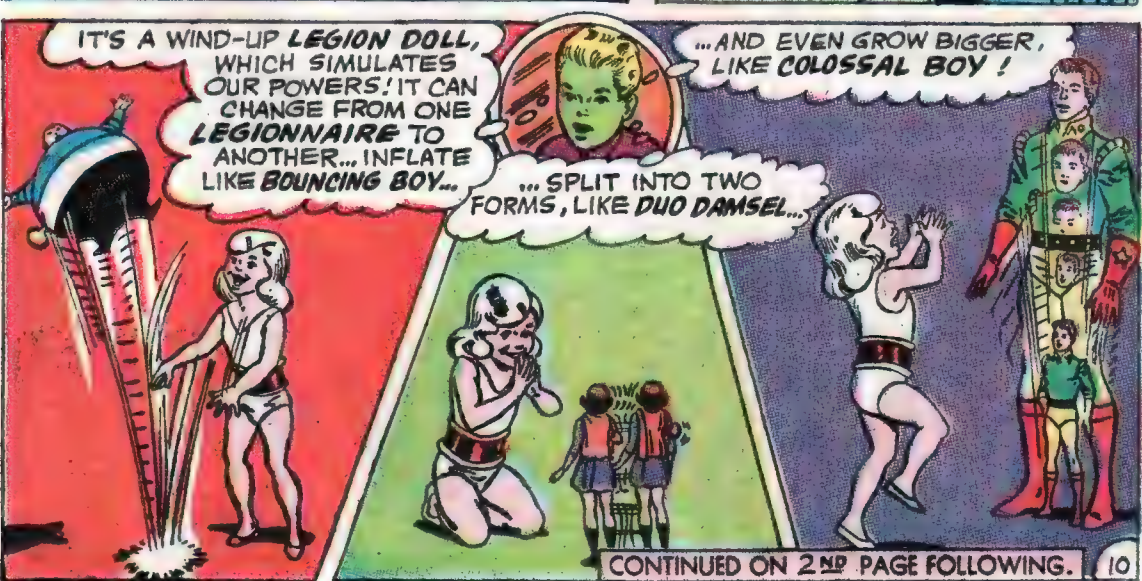
HMM...THIS WATER SAMPLE LOOKS INTERESTING...HOLD ON! WHAT'S **DREAM TOT** PLAYING WITH?



IT'S A WIND-UP **LEGION DOLL**, WHICH SIMULATES OUR POWERS! IT CAN CHANGE FROM ONE **LEGIONNAIRE** TO ANOTHER...INFLATE LIKE **BOUNCING BOY**...

...AND EVEN GROW BIGGER, LIKE **COLOSSAL BOY**!

... SPLIT INTO TWO FORMS, LIKE **DUO DAMSEL**...



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CRUNCH!

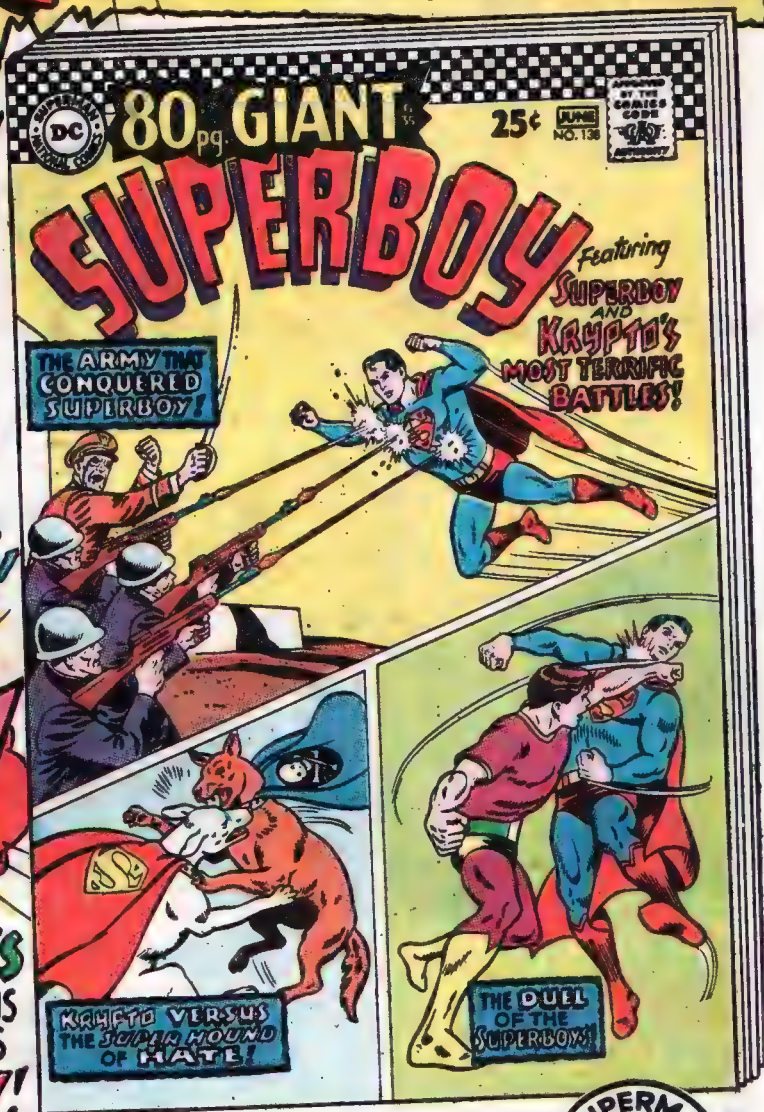
YIP!

KRYPTO
TANGLES WITH
HIS ARCH-ENEMY,
DESTRUCTO!

BLAM!

The **GENERAL'S**
CRIMINAL ARMY TURNS
ITS SECRET WEAPONS
ON **SUPERBOY!**

SUPERBOY
DUELS **DEV-EM**,
The KNAVE from KRYPTON!



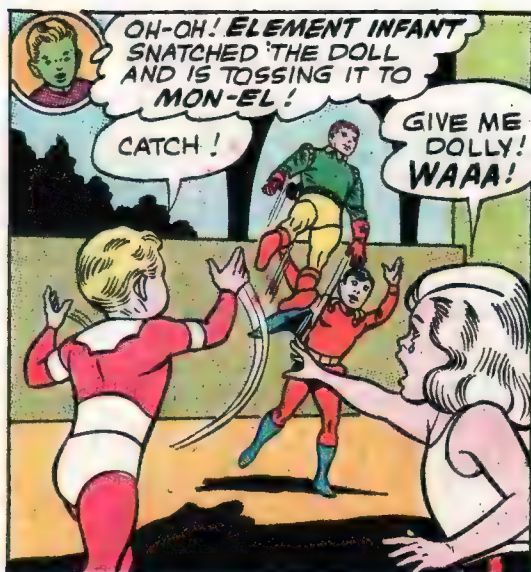
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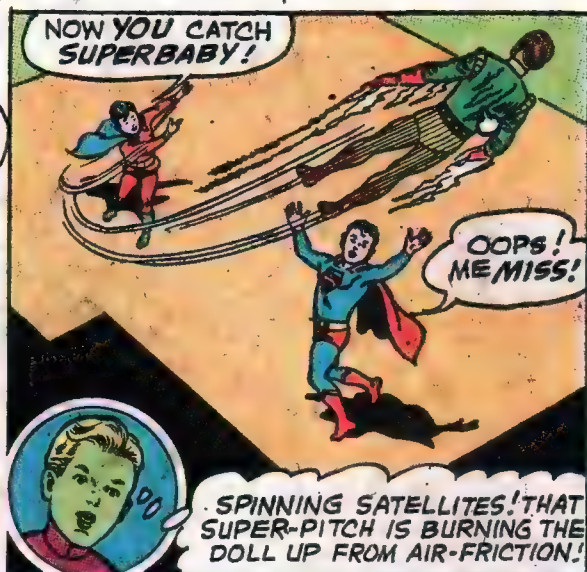
ON SALE
MARCH
14th



OH-OH! ELEMENT INFANT
SNATCHED THE DOLL
AND IS TOSSING IT TO
MON-EL!

CATCH!

GIVE ME
DOLLY!
WAAA!



NOW YOU CATCH
SUPERBABY!

OOPS!
ME MISS!

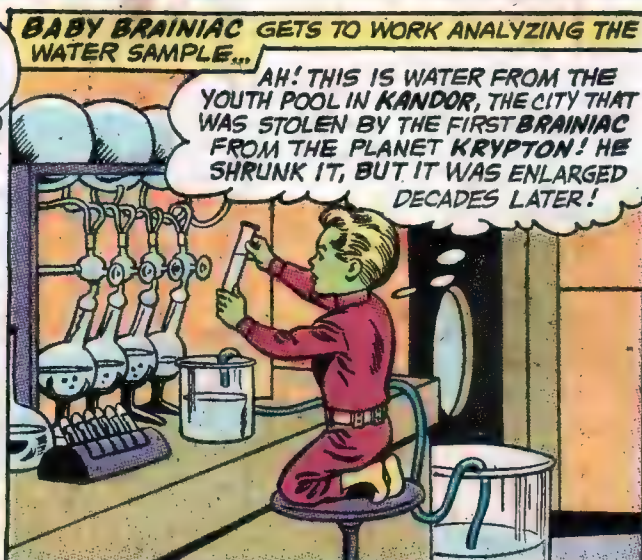
SPINNING SATELLITES! THAT
SUPER-PITCH IS BURNING THE
DOLL UP FROM AIR-FRICTION!



SUDDENLY...

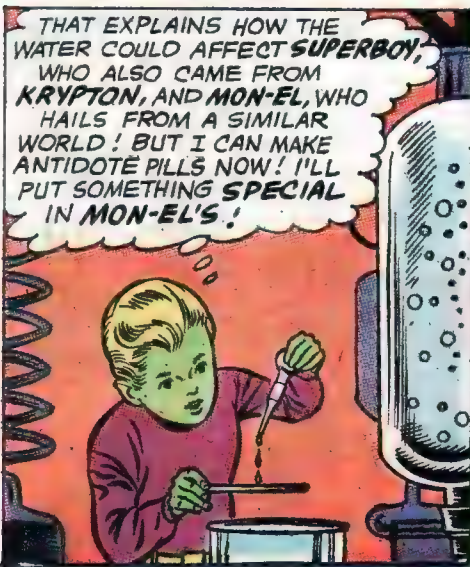
OH... ME
SICK! DIZZY!

OH-OH! MON'S
WEAKNESS TO LEAD
HAS RETURNED!
STRANGE... I DON'T
SEE ANY LEAD
NEARBY!

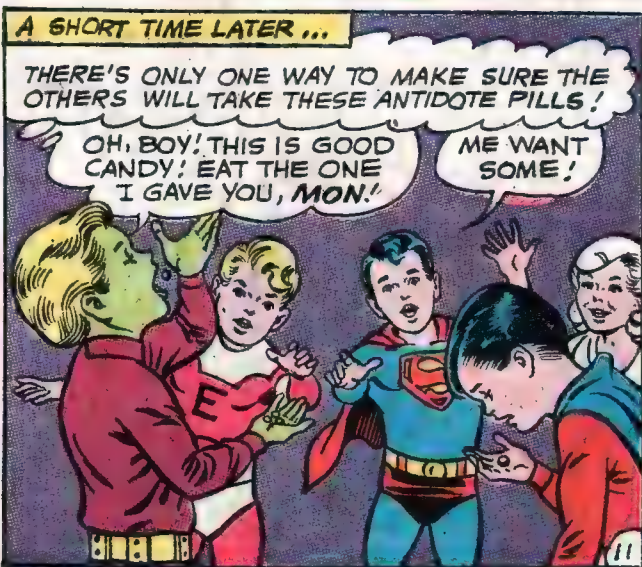


BABY BRAINIAC GETS TO WORK ANALYZING THE
WATER SAMPLE...

AH! THIS IS WATER FROM THE
YOUTH POOL IN KANDOR, THE CITY THAT
WAS STOLEN BY THE FIRST BRAINIAC
FROM THE PLANET KRYPTON! HE
SHRUNK IT, BUT IT WAS ENLARGED
DECADES LATER!



THAT EXPLAINS HOW THE
WATER COULD AFFECT SUPERBOY,
WHO ALSO CAME FROM
KRYPTON, AND MON-EL, WHO
HALES FROM A SIMILAR
WORLD! BUT I CAN MAKE
ANTIDOTE PILLS NOW! I'LL
PUT SOMETHING SPECIAL
IN MON-EL'S!



A SHORT TIME LATER ...

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO MAKE SURE THE
OTHERS WILL TAKE THESE ANTIDOTE PILLS!

OH, BOY! THIS IS GOOD
CANDY! EAT THE ONE
I GAVE YOU, MON!

ME WANT
SOME!



AND WHEN THE FOSTER PARENTS SHOW UP...

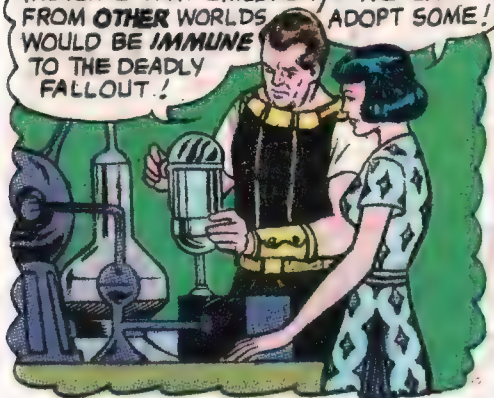




"APPARENTLY NO CHILD COULD LIVE ON **BASKH**! BUT **DAQ** DISCOVERED THERE WERE EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE..."

YES, MY EXPERIMENTS INDICATE THAT CHILDREN FROM **OTHER** WORLDS WOULD BE **IMMUNE** TO THE DEADLY **FALLOUT**!

PERHAPS WE CAN ADOPT SOME!



"WE FOUND THERE WERE NO CHILDREN THAT WE COULD ADOPT AVAILABLE... BUT ONE OF OUR FRIENDS HAD A BRAINSTORM..."

LOOK...THIS SAYS THAT FIVE OF THE **LEGIONNAIRES** ARE ORPHANS! IF WE COULD ADOPT THEM...

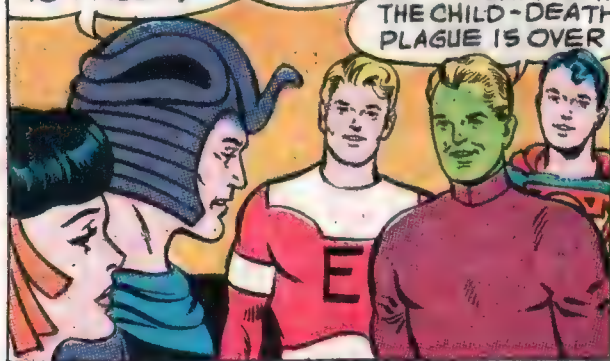
...WE'D HAVE CHILDREN AND THEY'D HAVE LOVING PARENTS! DO YOU REALLY THINK WE CAN?



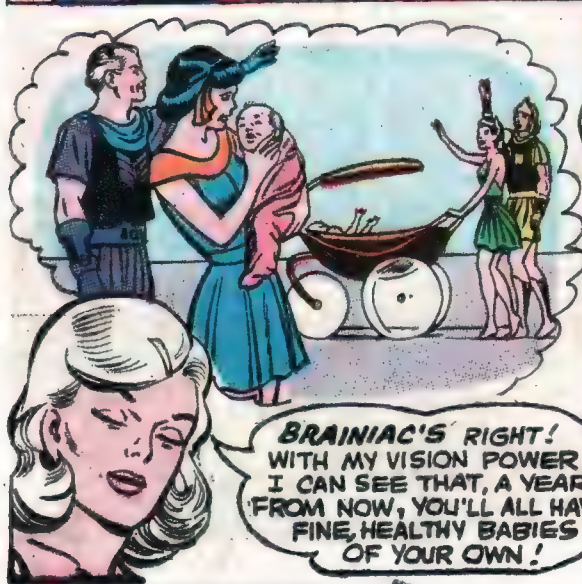
WE STOLE THE YOUTH WATER AND THE CRYSTAL! WE DISGUISED OURSELVES AS **ZINTHIANS** TO LURE YOU TO THE POOL WE'D "DOCTORED". BUT OUR PLANS ARE SHATTERED NOW! NOT ONLY WON'T WE HAVE CHILDREN...WE'LL GO TO PRISON!

NO... WE WON'T PRESS CHARGES! YOU MEANT WELL! AND I HAVE A PLEASANT SURPRISE...

THE CHILD-DEATH PLAGUE IS OVER!



MON-EL GOT SICK EARLIER BECAUSE THE SERUM I CREATED TO ELIMINATE HIS WEAKNESS TO **LEAD** HAD WORN OFF. I WAS PUZZLED WHEN I SAW NO **LEAD** NEARBY... TILL I DISCOVERED YOUR **FALLOUT** HAD LOST ITS RADIOACTIVITY AND TURNED TO **LEAD**! IT'S HARMLESS NOW, TO ANYONE BUT **MON**!



BRAINIAC'S RIGHT! WITH MY VISION POWER, I CAN SEE THAT, A YEAR FROM NOW, YOU'LL ALL HAVE FINE, HEALTHY BABIES OF YOUR OWN!

LATER, WHEN THE FIVE **SUPER-HEROES** RETURN TO THE CLUBHOUSE...

HI, PALS! I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO GO ON A MISSION WHILE THE REST OF US WERE CELEBRATING **PARENTS' DAY**!

BELIEVE ME, WE CELEBRATED **PARENTS' DAY**... LIKE IT'S NEVER BEEN CELEBRATED BEFORE!



THE END

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DEVASTATING
THAN A...

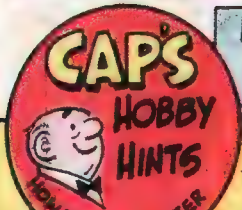
THEY'RE
DEADLIER
THAN BEING
KICKED BY A...

THEY'RE MORE
DISASTROUS
THAN FALLING
DOWN AN...

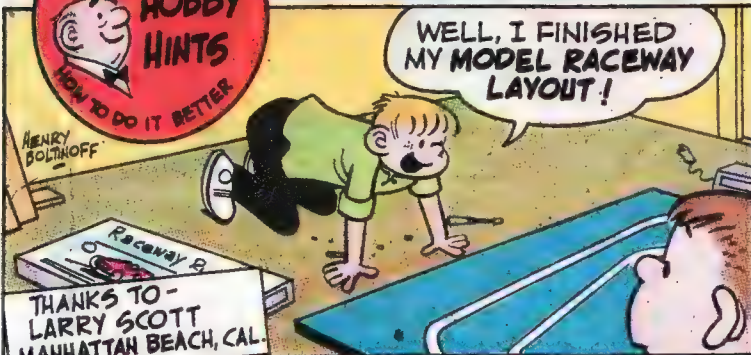
Pigmy Invasion!
Roasted Chicken!
Open Gopher Hole!

They're the
MANIAKS

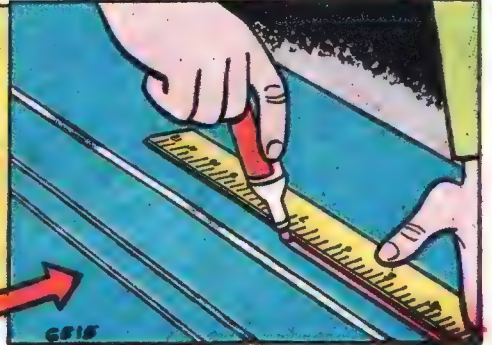
AND THEY'RE LET LOOSE
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[IT'S EASY!
YOU JUST LAY
DOWN A
RULER AND
GUIDE THE
FELT TIP
ALONG THE
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REAL NEAT.



CUT OUT FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK

A
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CLASSIC

SUPERBOY

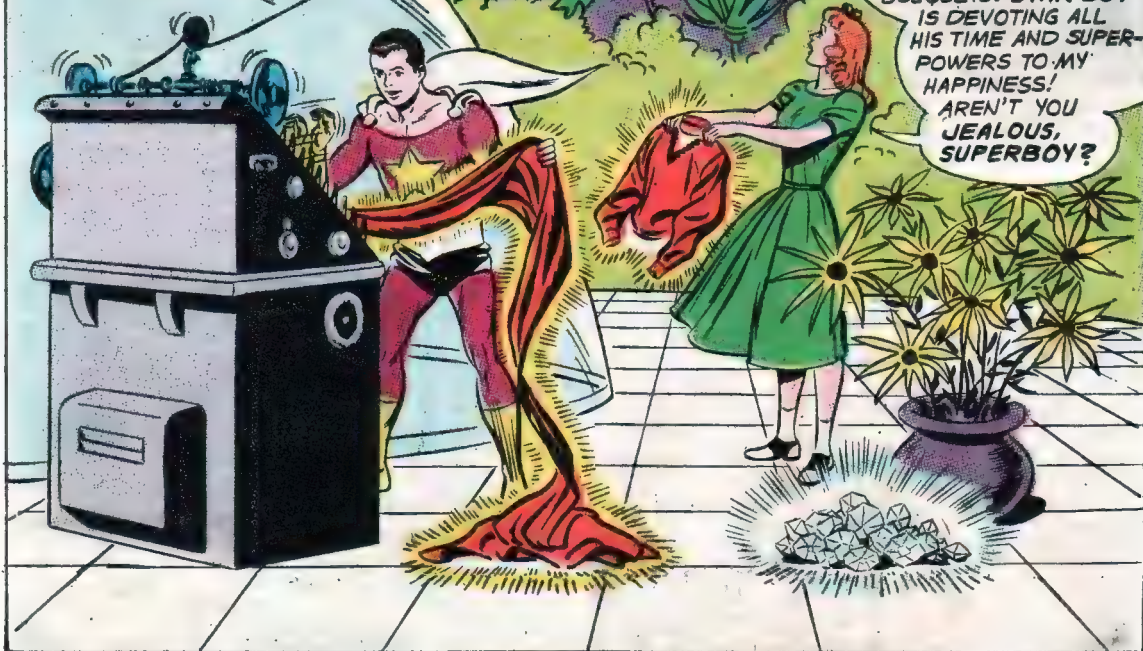
HOLY COW!
YOU WANT ME
TO PATROL
XANTHU FOR YOU,
STAR BOY?

DID YOU KNOW THAT, BEFORE SHE GAINED HER
INSECT QUEEN POWERS AND JOINED THE
LEGION RESERVE, LANA LANG WAS ONCE
STAR BOY'S GIRL FRIEND? WHAT'S MORE,
STAR BOY HAD A SECRET IDENTITY... AND
WAS MORE POWERFUL THAN SUPERBOY!
YOU'LL FIND IT ALL IN THIS HALL OF
FAME CLASSIC ABOUT...

LANA LANG AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!

YES, SUPERBOY!
I'M BUSY WEAVING
A GIFT FOR MY GIRL
FRIEND, LANA!

FLAME-CLOTH CLOTHING...
RARE JEWELS... SUPER-
BOUQUETS! STAR BOY
IS DEVOTING ALL
HIS TIME AND SUPER-
POWERS TO MY
HAPPINESS!
AREN'T YOU
JEALOUS,
SUPERBOY?



ONE DAY, AS LANA TRIES TO GET HER MIND OFF SUPERBOY AT AN AFTERNOON MOVIE...

BUT, JANET! WHY ARE YOU DATING TOM WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE NED?

SIMPLE... TO MAKE NED JEALOUS AND PAY MORE ATTENTION TO ME!

HMMM...



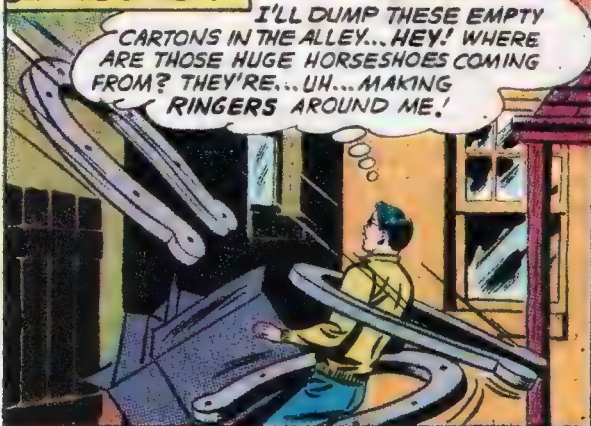
WHEN LANA LEAVES...

THAT TRICK CAN WORK FOR EVERY GIRL IN THE WORLD... EXCEPT ME! HOW CAN I MAKE SUPERBOY JEALOUS WHEN NO OTHER BOY ON EARTH CAN COMPARE WITH HIM! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



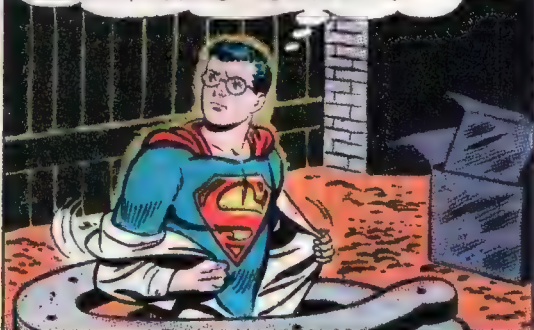
BUT THIS SEEMS TO BE THE DAY THE IMPOSSIBLE CAN HAPPEN... FOR AS CLARK WORKS AT DAD KENT'S GENERAL STORE...

I'LL DUMP THESE EMPTY CARTONS IN THE ALLEY... HEY! WHERE ARE THOSE HUGE HORSESHOES COMING FROM? THEY'RE... UH... MAKING RINGERS AROUND ME!



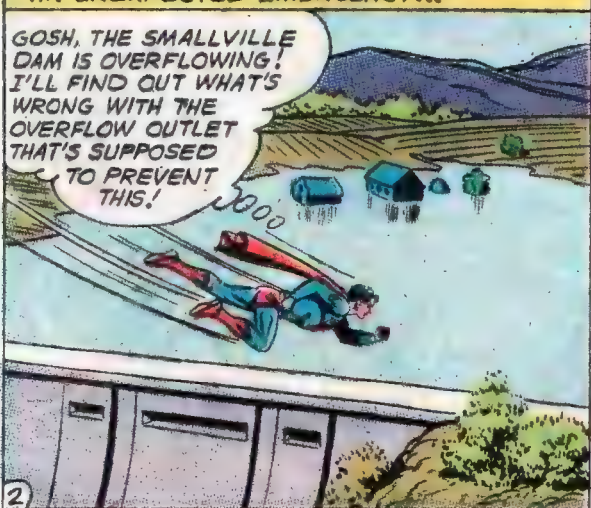
SWIFTLY, CLARK SHEDS HIS OUTER CLOTHING TO TAKE OVER AS SUPERBOY...

WHO COULD POSSIBLY HURL SUCH HEAVY THINGS FROM MILES AWAY? THEY SEEMED TO COME FROM OUT OF TOWN! I'LL FLY THERE AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY!



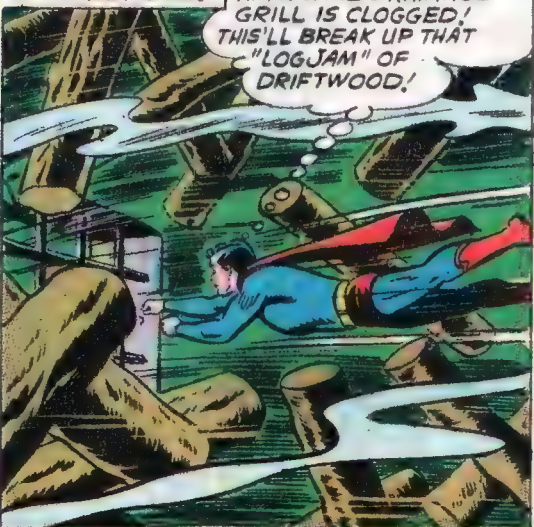
AS THE BOY OF STEEL FLIES AHEAD, HE SPOTS AN UNEXPECTED EMERGENCY...

GOSH, THE SMALLVILLE DAM IS OVERFLOWING! I'LL FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE OVERFLOW OUTLET THAT'S SUPPOSED TO PREVENT THIS!



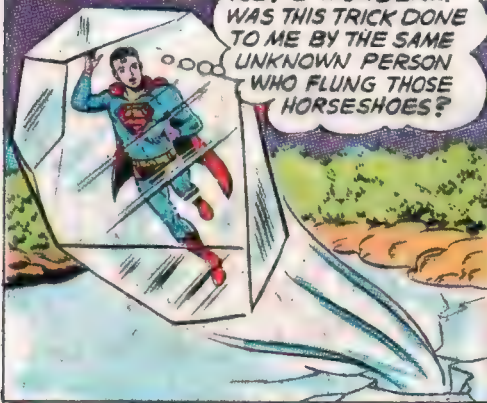
UNDERWATER...

HMM... THE DRAINAGE GRILL IS CLOGGED! THIS'LL BREAK UP THAT "LOGJAM" OF DRIFTWOOD!



BY THE TIME SUPERBOY ZOOMS UP...

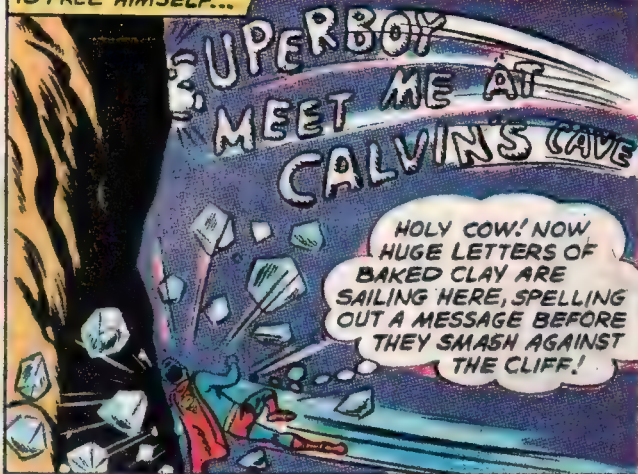
OMIGOSH! THE WATER SUDDENLY FROZE AROUND ME INTO A BLOCK OF SOLID ICE! I WONDER... WAS THIS TRICK DONE TO ME BY THE SAME UNKNOWN PERSON WHO FLUNG THOSE HORSESHOES?



AND EVEN AS SUPERBOY FLIES AGAINST A CLIFF TO FREE HIMSELF...

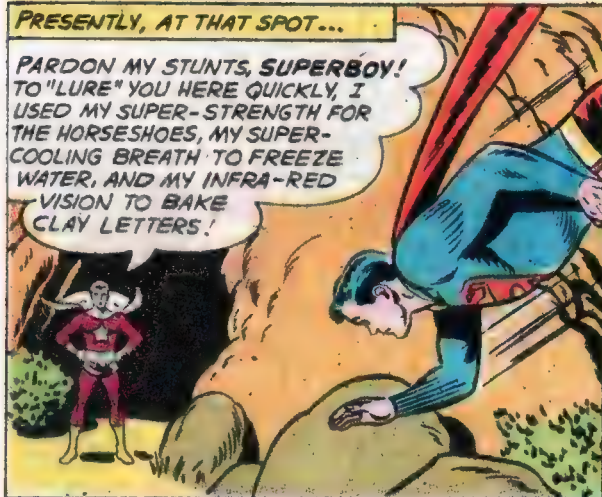
SUPERBOY MEET ME AT CALVIN'S CAVE

HOLY COW! NOW HUGE LETTERS OF BAKED CLAY ARE SAILING HERE, SPELLING OUT A MESSAGE BEFORE THEY SMASH AGAINST THE CLIFF!



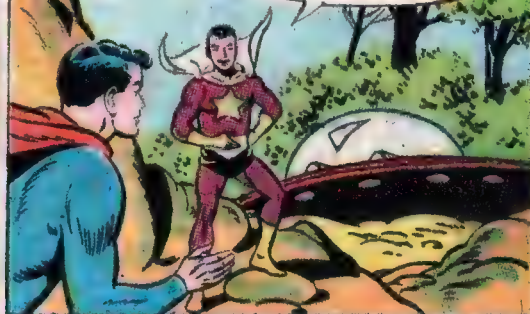
PRESENTLY, AT THAT SPOT...

PARDON MY STUNTS, SUPERBOY! TO "LURE" YOU HERE QUICKLY, I USED MY SUPER-STRENGTH FOR THE HORSESHOES, MY SUPER-COOLING BREATH TO FREEZE WATER, AND MY INFRA-RED VISION TO BAKE CLAY LETTERS!

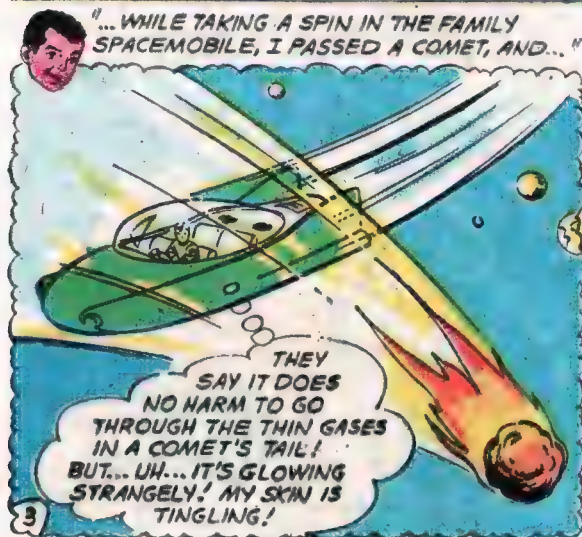


BUT WH-WHO ARE YOU? HOW CAN YOU HAVE SUPER-POWERS LIKE ME?

I'M THOM KALLOR FROM THE PLANET XANTHU, WHICH EXISTS IN THE FUTURE! I ARRIVED IN MY TIME-SHIP! WE ALSO HAVE SPACESHIPS ON MY WORLD AND ONE DAY...



"... WHILE TAKING A SPIN IN THE FAMILY SPACEMOBILE, I PASSED A COMET, AND..."

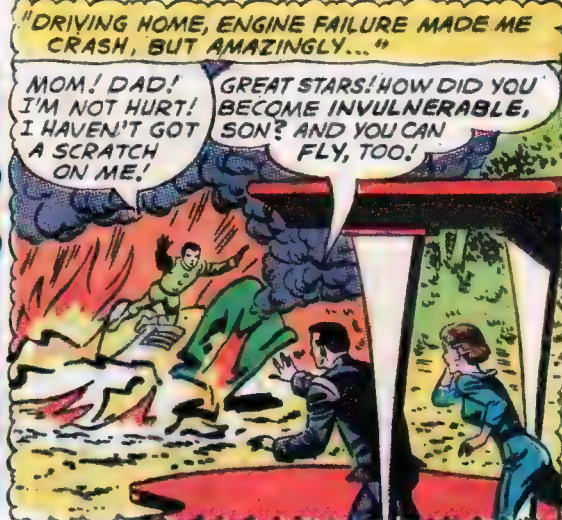


THEY SAY IT DOES NO HARM TO GO THROUGH THE THIN GASES IN A COMET'S TAIL! BUT... UH... IT'S GLOWING STRANGELY! MY SKIN IS TINGLING!

"DRIVING HOME, ENGINE FAILURE MADE ME CRASH, BUT AMAZINGLY..."

MOM! DAD! I'M NOT HURT! I HAVEN'T GOT A SCRATCH ON ME!

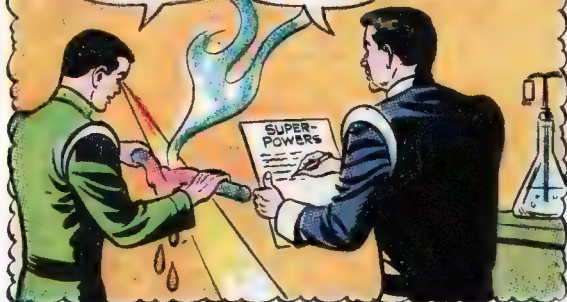
GREAT STARS! HOW DID YOU BECOME INVULNERABLE, SON? AND YOU CAN FLY, TOO!



"AFTER MY FATHER PUT ME THROUGH MANY TESTS, WE REALIZED THE STARTLING TRUTH!"

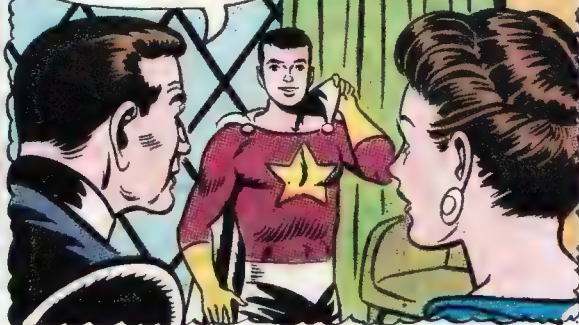
I EVEN HAVE
INFRA-RED
VISION WHOSE
HEAT-WAVES
CAN MELT METALS,
DAD!

HMMM... THAT GLOWING
COMET'S TAIL MUST HAVE
CONTAINED PECULIAR RADIO-
ACTIVE RAYS THAT FILLED
YOU WITH SUPER-ENERGY
FOR LIFE!



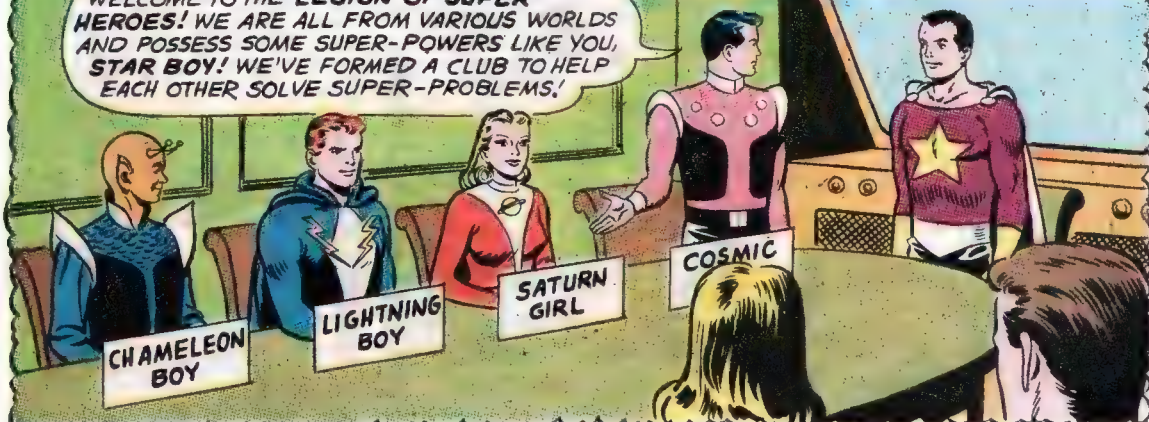
"MY PARENTS DECIDED TO MAKE GOOD USE OF MY WONDERFUL POWERS!"

WEARING THAT SPECIAL COSTUME, YOU WILL
BATTLE INJUSTICE AND CRIME AS... **STAR BOY!**
ONLY YOUR MOTHER AND I WILL KNOW THAT
YOUR SECRET IDENTITY IS
THOM KALLOR!



"LATER, VISITING YOUR 30TH CENTURY EARTH AND LEARNING YOUR LANGUAGE, I WAS ONE DAY
CALLED TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF..."

WELCOME TO THE **LEGION OF SUPER-
HEROES!** WE ARE ALL FROM VARIOUS WORLDS
AND POSSESS SOME SUPER-POWERS LIKE YOU,
STAR BOY! WE'VE FORMED A CLUB TO HELP
EACH OTHER SOLVE SUPER-PROBLEMS!



AS **STAR BOY'S** THRILLING STORY ENDS...

THOSE SAME SUPER-KIDS
VISITED SMALLVILLE ONCE
AND MADE ME A MEMBER
OF THEIR **LEGION**, TOO!
BUT WHY HAVE YOU
COME TO MY TIME,
STAR BOY?

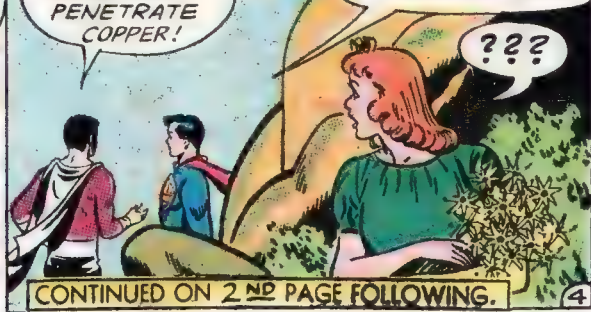
TWO **XANTHU**
CRIMINALS
ESCAPED JAIL,
SUPERBOY! ONE
FLED HERE IN A
STOLEN TIME-SHIP!
I PURSUED AND
IMPRISONED HIM
IN THIS CAVE!



STAR BOY CONTINUES, UNAWARE OF AN
EAVESDROPPER...

THE OTHER CRIMINAL IS
BACK ON **XANTHU**, HIDING IN AN UNDER-
GROUND MAZE OF COPPER DRAIN PIPES!
I NEED YOUR HELP TO
FIND HIM BECAUSE ON
MY WORLD MY X-RAY
VISION CAN'T
PENETRATE
COPPER!

HMM... JUST
LIKE MINE CAN'T
PENETRATE LEAD!



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RIDE the
HIGH SEAS
with

BOATERIFIC

the NEW ACTION FLEET,
POWERED by the FAMOUS
MOTORIFIC
MOTORS!

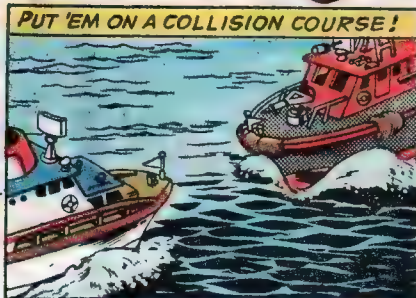
**NOW HEAR THIS: NOW MOTORIFIC
TAKES TO THE WATER WITH BOATERIFIC.
THERE ARE SIX GREAT BOATERIFIC
BOATS AND EACH ONE HAS A FULLY
STEERABLE RUDDER, REAL
PROPELLER POWER, AN AUTOMATIC
BAILING PUMP AND SUPER-REALISTIC
DETAILS. JUST SNAP IN A MOTOR...
BATTEN DOWN THE HATCH AND
FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH
BOATERIFIC!**



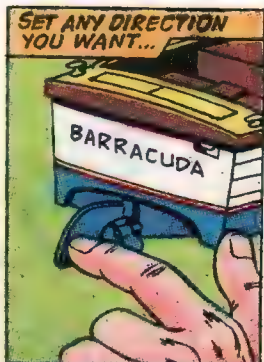
RACE 'EM!



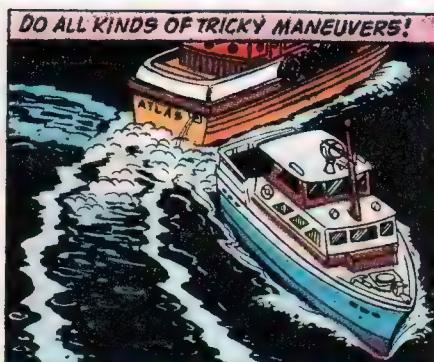
PUT 'EM ON A COLLISION COURSE!



SET ANY DIRECTION
YOU WANT...



DO ALL KINDS OF TRICKY MANEUVERS!

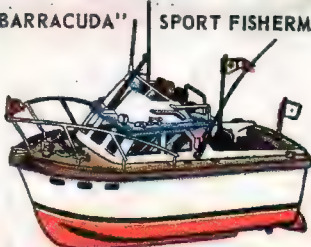


REAL, AUTOMATIC BAILING
PUMP KEEPS EACH BOAT
RIDING HIGH.



BE THE SKIPPER OF YOUR OWN BOATERIFIC FLEET... GET 'EM ALL!

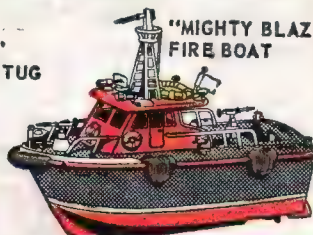
"BARRACUDA" SPORT FISHERMAN



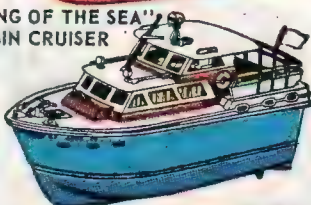
"ATLAS" HARBOR TUG



"MIGHTY BLAZE" FIRE BOAT



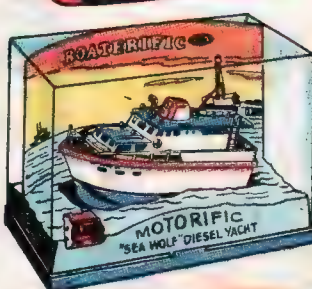
"KING OF THE SEA" CABIN CRUISER



"WHIRL-A-WAY" RUNABOUT



EACH BOAT COMES WITH A MOTORIFIC MOTOR,
STURDY HULL AND SNAP-ON SUPERSTRUCTURE
... ALL IN AN ACTION SETTING. YOU CAN EVEN
DISPLAY 'EM IN YOUR ROOM. THEY'RE THE BEST
LOOKIN' BOATS, IN AND OUT OF THE WATER!



BOATERIFIC... It's TERRIFIC... IT'S

IDEAL

BY SHEER CHANCE, LANA LANG HAS COME THIS WAY TO PICK FLOWERS!

GLAD TO HELP YOU, STAR BOY! I'LL TELL MY FOSTER-PARENTS I'M LEAVING!

WHEN YOU RETURN, REMEMBER NOT TO USE MY OTHER NAME IN FRONT OF THE CAPTURED CRIMINAL!

GOODNESS!

GOLLY! THAT "SUPERBOY" OF ANOTHER FUTURE WORLD HAS A SECRET IDENTITY! I DIDN'T COME SOON ENOUGH TO HEAR HIS OTHER NAME, BUT... HMM!... I CAN BLUFF!

AND WHEN STAR BOY ENTERS THE CAVE FOR HIS PRISONER...

A GIRL! WH-WHO ARE YOU?

I'M LANA LANG, STAR BOY! I OVERHEARD YOUR ENTIRE STORY AND KNOW YOUR SECRET IDENTITY. I WON'T MENTION IT IN FRONT OF YOUR PRISONER... IF YOU DO ME A FAVOR!

YOU SEE, I HAVE A CRUSH ON SUPERBOY! YOU'RE THE ONLY BOY I'VE MET WHO IS EQUAL TO HIM! SO IF YOU PRETEND TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, YOU CAN MAKE SUPERBOY JEALOUS!

OTHERWISE, Y-YOU'LL GIVE AWAY MY SECRET IDENTITY, EH? I-I'M TRAPPED!

RETURNING MEANWHILE, SUPERBOY IS TIPPED OFF TO WHAT IS HAPPENING...

I'M READY TO GO WITH STAR BOY... WAIT! SOMEBODY WAS PICKING FLOWERS HERE... AND I HEAR LANA'S VOICE NEAR THE CAVE!

NOW HERE ARE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, STAR BOY! WHEN SUPERBOY SEES US TOGETHER, PRETEND WE MET BY CHANCE!

MAKE BELIEVE YOU FELL FOR ME AND INVITED ME TO VISIT YOUR WORLD! THEN, ON XANTHU, YOU'LL OBEY MY EVERY WHIM WITH YOUR SUPER-POWERS! YOUR DEVOTION TO ME WILL MAKE SUPERBOY JEALOUS! GOT IT?

HMM... SO THAT'S HER LITTLE SCHEME, IS IT?

NOW FIRST, FLY ME HOME AND CONVINCE MY PARENTS IT'S SAFE TO VISIT YOUR FUTURE WORLD! DO IT RIGHT... IF YOU WANT TO KEEP ME FROM REVEALING YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!

WITH THAT THREAT OVER HIM, STAR BOY HAS NO CHOICE! I'LL FOLLOW THEM!



PRESENTLY, AFTER LANA INTRODUCES STAR BOY TO HER STARTLED PARENTS...

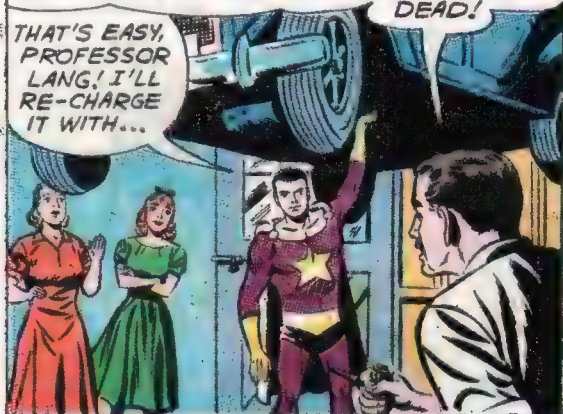
GRACIOUS, LANA! A TRIP TO A STRANGE WORLD IN THE FUTURE MIGHT BE DANGEROUS!

NOT WITH STAR BOY AROUND, MOM! HE'LL PROVE HE'S AS MIGHTY AS SUPERBOY BY LIFTING YOUR CAR!



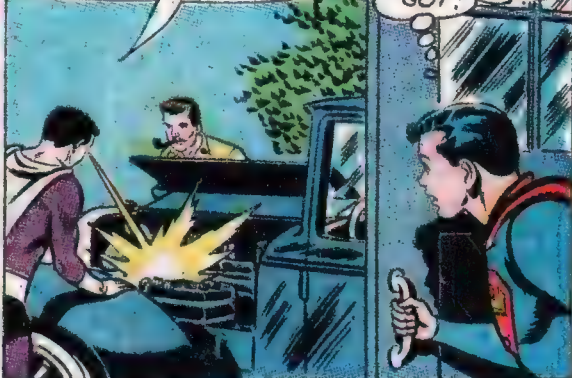
GREAT SCOTT! YOU HAVE SUPER-POWERS LIKE SUPERBOY! BUT I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU COULD MAKE MY CAR RUN! THE BATTERY IS DEAD!

THAT'S EASY, PROFESSOR LANG! I'LL RE-CHARGE IT WITH...



...MY ELECTRICAL VISION! A THOUSAND VOLTS WILL CHARGE THE BATTERY IN SECONDS!

WOW! STAR BOY HAS AN EXTRA SUPER-POWER EVEN I HAVEN'T GOT!



WHY, STAR BOY IS EVEN BETTER THAN SUPERBOY! THEN IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE FOR YOU TO VISIT XANTHU, LANA! 'BYE!

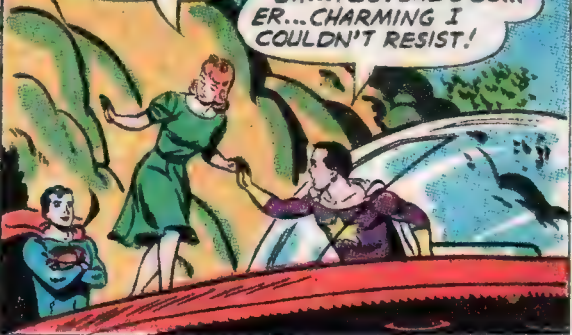
I'LL RUSH BACK TO THE CAVE BEFORE THEM, AS IF I WAS WAITING ALL THE TIME! LANA WON'T KNOW I'M ONTO HER WHOLE SCHEME!



SOON, AT THE CAVE, AS STAR BOY IS FORCED TO PLAY LANA'S GAME...

JUST THINK, SUPERBOY! STAR BOY MET ME AND INSISTED I VISIT XANTHU WITH HIM! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, STAR BOY?

UH...YES! SHE'S SO... ER...CHARMING I COULDN'T RESIST!



SUPERBOY PLAYS HIS OWN GAME... BY ACTING INDIFFERENT...

WELL, I GUESS LANA WON'T BE IN THE WAY, **STAR BOY!** I'LL BRING OUT YOUR PRISONER!

SUPERBOY DOESN'T ACT THE LEAST BIT JEALOUS! BUT HE WILL WHEN STAR BOY KEEPS DANCING TO MY TUNE AS IF HE FELT FOR ME LIKE A TON OF BRICKS!



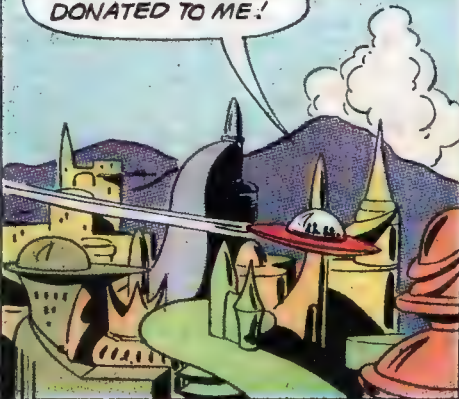
AFTER ALL FOUR ARE IN THE TIME-SHIP WITH STAR BOY AT THE CONTROLS...

HERE WE GO INTO THE FUTURE! WE'LL ARRIVE AT MY WORLD IN THE 30TH CENTURY!



DIZZY MOMENTS LATER, AFTER CROSSING THE TIME- AND-SPACE BARRIER...

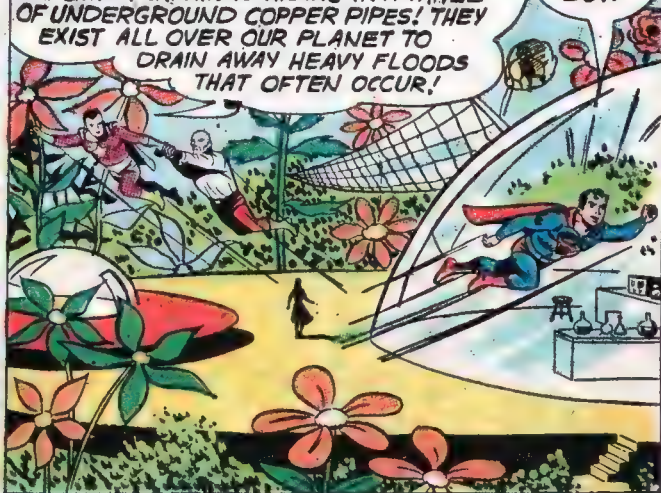
HERE'S **XANTHU!** IT'S A WORLD OF SUPER-SCIENCE, FAR AHEAD OF 20TH CENTURY EARTH! I'LL LAND AT MY **STAR BOY** LABORATORY, WHICH THE PEOPLE DONATED TO ME!



AFTER LANDING...

LANA CAN WAIT HERE WHILE I TAKE THE PRISONER TO JAIL! **SUPERBOY**, YOU SEARCH FOR THE OTHER CRIMINAL HIDING IN A MAZE OF UNDERGROUND COPPER PIPES! THEY EXIST ALL OVER OUR PLANET TO DRAIN AWAY HEAVY FLOODS THAT OFTEN OCCUR!

I'M ON MY WAY, **STAR BOY!**



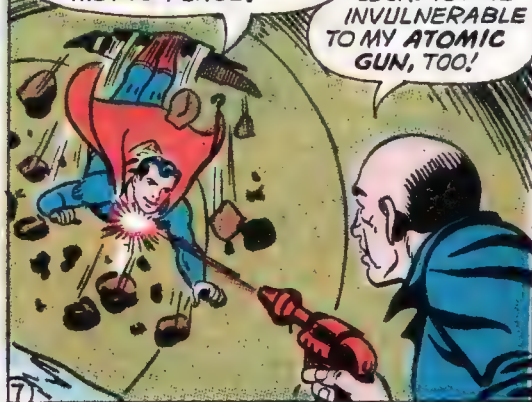
AFTER A SUPER-SPEED SEARCH...

AH, THERE HE IS IN A PIPE THAT CARRIES LITTLE WATER! I'LL SMASH DOWN THROUGH IT AND REPAIR IT BEFORE I LEAVE AGAIN!

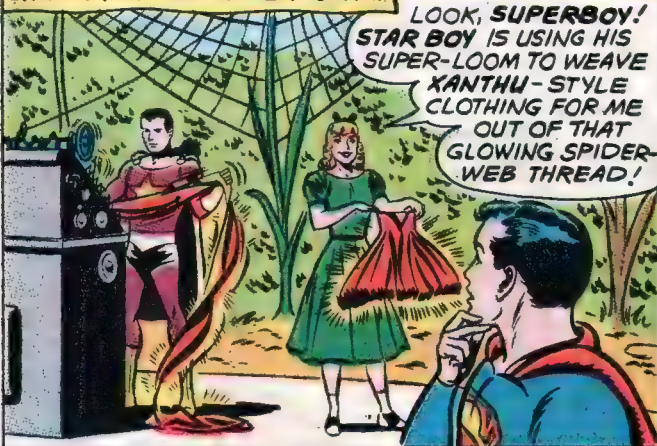


GREETINGS! I'M **SUPERBOY** FROM EARTH! MY X-RAY VISION EASILY PENETRATED COPPER TO FIND YOUR HIDING PLACE!

BLAST THE LUCK! YOU'RE INVULNERABLE TO MY **ATOMIC GUN**, TOO!

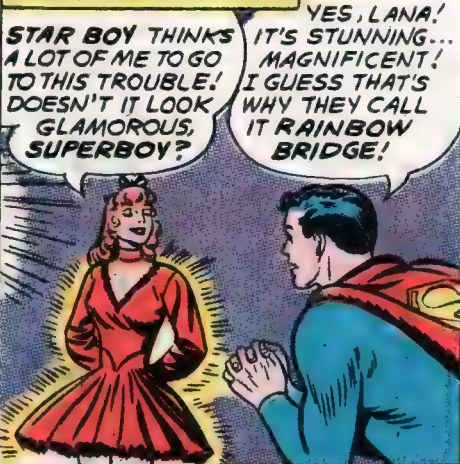


AFTER TURNING THE WANTED MAN OVER TO THE KANTHU POLICE, SUPERBOY REJOINS HIS COMPANIONS TO FIND LANA CARRYING ON HER PLAN...



LOOK, SUPERBOY! STAR BOY IS USING HIS SUPER-LOOM TO WEAVE XANTHU-STYLE CLOTHING FOR ME OUT OF THAT GLOWING SPIDER-WEB THREAD!

SOON, LANA CHANGES IN A DRESSING ROOM AND RETURNS...



STAR BOY THINKS A LOT OF ME TO GO TO THIS TROUBLE! DOESN'T IT LOOK GLAMOROUS, SUPERBOY?

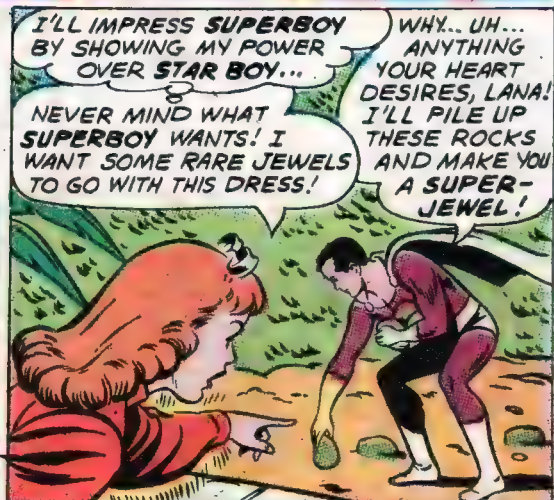
YES, LANA! IT'S STUNNING... MAGNIFICENT! I GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT RAINBOW BRIDGE!



OH, DRAT! I MEANT MY DRESS, NOT THAT OLD BRIDGE!

SUPERBOY STILL ISN'T GIVING ME A TUMBLE, BUT I'LL MAKE HIM JEALOUS YET!

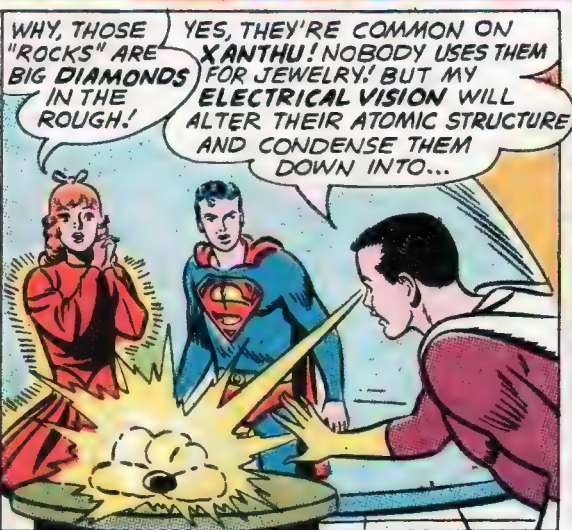
ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW ME THE OTHER SIGHTS AROUND TOWN, STAR BOY?



I'LL IMPRESS SUPERBOY BY SHOWING MY POWER OVER STAR BOY...

NEVER MIND WHAT SUPERBOY WANTS! I WANT SOME RARE JEWELS TO GO WITH THIS DRESS!

WHY... UH... ANYTHING YOUR HEART DESIRES, LANA! I'LL PILE UP THESE ROCKS AND MAKE YOU A SUPER-JEWEL!



WHY, THOSE "ROCKS" ARE BIG DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH!

YES, THEY'RE COMMON ON XANTHU! NOBODY USES THEM FOR JEWELRY! BUT MY ELECTRICAL VISION WILL ALTER THEIR ATOMIC STRUCTURE AND CONDENSE THEM DOWN INTO...

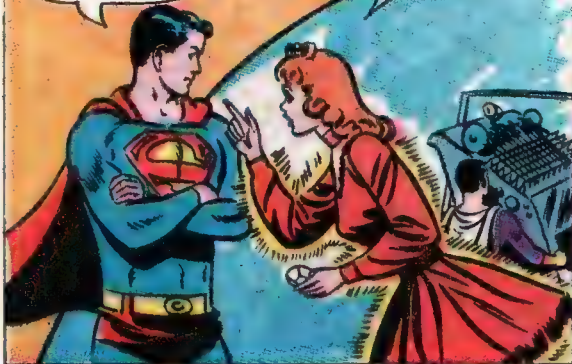


...ONE SUPER-JEWEL EQUAL IN VALUE TO A THOUSAND EARTHLY DIAMONDS!

TOO BAD YOU HAVEN'T GOT ELECTRICAL VISION, SUPERBOY! ISN'T IT WONDERFUL HOW STAR BOY IS USING HIS SUPER-POWERS TO GRANT MY WISHES?

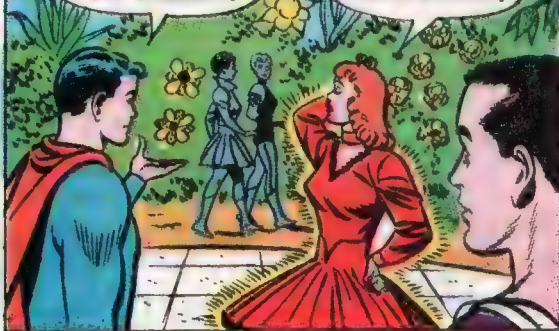
HMMFF! SEEMS TO ME **STAR BOY** HAS MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO WITH HIS **SUPER-POWERS!**

OH, HOW CAN YOU BE SO BLIND, **SUPERBOY**? CAN'T YOU SEE **STAR BOY** SIMPLY **ADORES ME?**



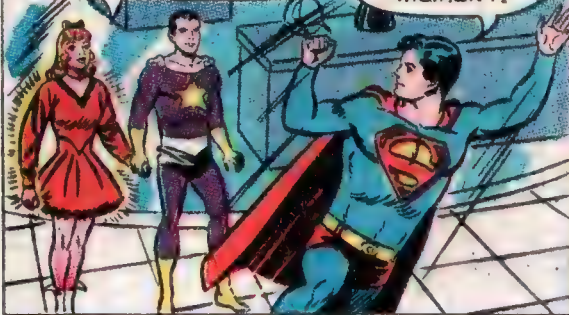
OH, I THINK HE'S JUST BEING POLITE TO YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE HIS GUEST. WHY SHOULD HE CARE FOR YOU WHEN **ANY XANTHU GIRL** WOULD GLADLY BE HIS **STEADY!**

THAT'S JUST THE POINT, YOU **SUPER-IDIOT!** I APPEAL TO HIM BECAUSE I'M FROM ANOTHER WORLD! I'M SOMETHING SPECIAL AND DIFFERENT!



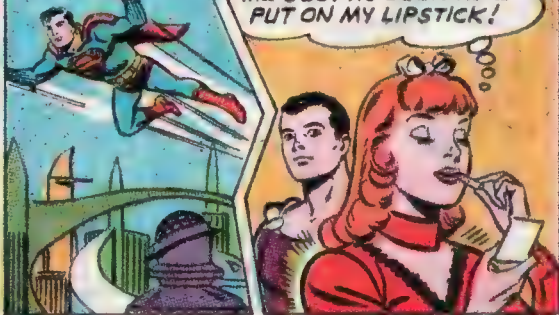
NATURALLY AN **EARTH GIRL** HAS A GREATER ATTRACTION FOR **STAR BOY** THAN ORDINARY **XANTHU GIRLS!** SO HE ISN'T JUST BEING POLITE... HE'S REALLY MAD ABOUT ME!

WELL, I'LL GO SIGHT-SEEING BY MYSELF SINCE **STAR BOY** CAN'T BEAR TO... ER... LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR A MOMENT!



LANA'S ACTING JUST AS I THOUGHT SHE WOULD! NOW TO CARRY OUT MY PLAN...

I HAVEN'T MADE **SUPERBOY** JEALOUS YET, BUT I'LL KEEP MAKING HIM THINK **STAR BOY** IS CRAZY ABOUT ME! I'LL ASK **STAR BOY** TO LOCATE **SUPERBOY** FOR ME JUST AS SOON AS I PUT ON MY LIPSTICK!



TIME PASSES BEFORE THEY FIND **SUPERBOY**, AND TO LANA'S SURPRISE...

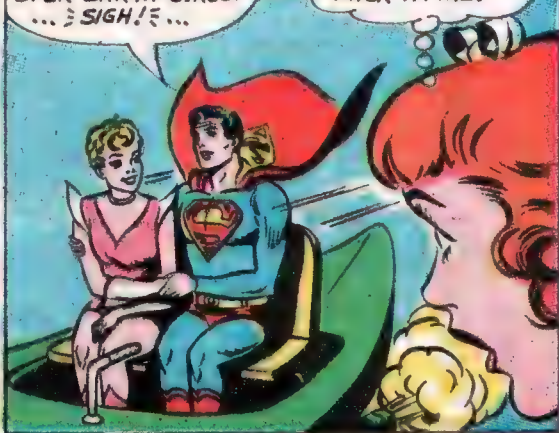
OH, MY GOODNESS! **SUPERBOY** IS WITH A **XANTHU GIRL!**

HI, LANA! THIS IS **ZYNTHIA!** SHE OFFERED TO SHOW ME THE SIGHTS IN HER SKY CANOE! AND YOU WERE RIGHT BEFORE! JUST AS AN **EARTH-GIRL** LIKE YOU APPEALS TO **STAR BOY**...



...TO ME, IT SEEMS THAT THIS **XANTHU GIRL** HAS IT ALL OVER **EARTH GIRLS!** ... SIGH! ...

OH-OH! WHAT I FOOLISHLY SAID BEFORE IS... UH... **BOOMERANGING BACK AT ME!**



NEXT MOMENT...

SUPERBOY! BRING ME A RARE ANIMAL OF THE TIGER FAMILY CALLED THE **PARAKAT!** YOU'LL FIND ONE IN THE **JUNGLE MOUNTAINS** STRAIGHT SOUTH!

I'LL FLY THERE IMMEDIATELY, **ZYNTHIA, DEAR!**

OH, HOW DISGUSTING! **SUPERBOY** IS OBEYING HER EVERY WHIM!



YOU MEAN LIKE THE WAY **STAR BOY** OBEYS YOUR EVERY WHIM, **LANA?**

YES... I MEAN, NO... UH...

OH, DEAR! THIS IS ALL WORKING OUT WRONG! NOW **SUPERBOY** IS GETTING ME JEALOUS!

WHEN **SUPERBOY** REACHES HIS DESTINATION...

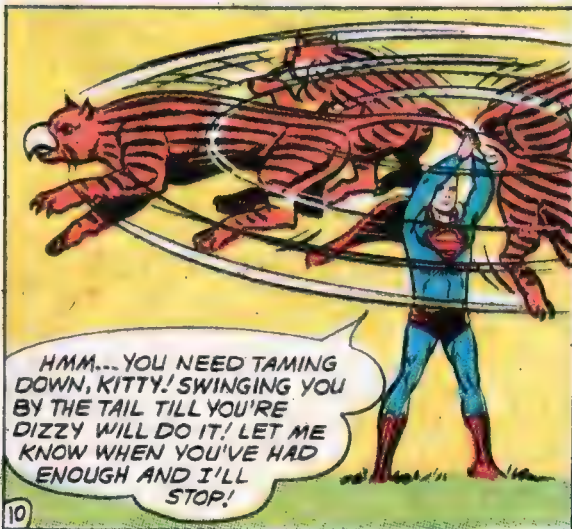
I SEE WHY THEY'RE CALLED THE **JUNGLE MOUNTAINS!** EACH PEAK IS CROWNED WITH A JUNGLE INSTEAD OF BEING SNOW-CAPPED, LIKE ON EARTH! NOW TO LOCATE THE **PARAKAT!**



INSTEAD, THE FIERCE **PARAKAT** FINDS **SUPERBOY!**

WHAT AN ODD "TIGER"! HIS STRIPES RUN THE WRONG WAY AND HE HAS A BEAK LIKE A BIRD!

GROWRR!



HMM... YOU NEED TAMING DOWN, KITTY! SWINGING YOU BY THE TAIL TILL YOU'RE DIZZY WILL DO IT! LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH AND I'LL STOP!

DIZZY... HAD ENOUGH... STOP!

HOLY COW! I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO ANSWER ME! I GUESS HE'S CALLED THE **PARAKAT** BECAUSE HE IMITATES SPEECH LIKE AN EARTHLY PARROT! HMM... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!



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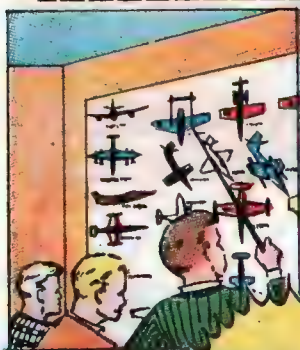
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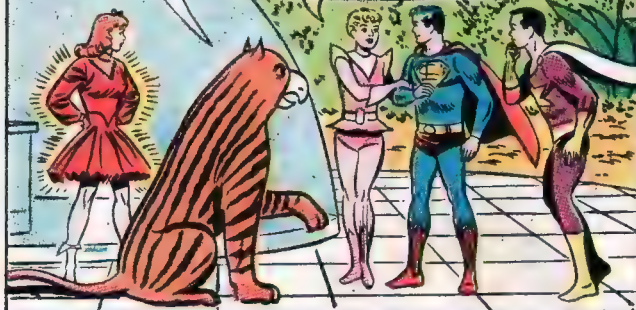
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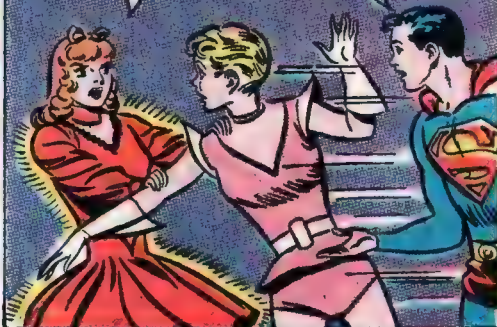
YOU... ARE... BEAUTIFUL... **ZYNTHIA!**

OH, **SUPERBOY!** YOU TAUGHT HIM TO SAY THAT! HOW THRILLING TO HAVE A SUPER-BOYFRIEND LIKE YOU! PLEASE MAKE **XANTHU** YOUR HOME FROM NOW ON!



LET **SUPERBOY** GO... YOU HUSSY! HE CAN'T WASTE HIS PRECIOUS TIME ON YOU! HE HAS IMPORTANT JOBS TO DO ON EARTH!

BUT THEN, WHY ARE YOU KEEPING **STAR BOY** FROM DOING HIS IMPORTANT JOBS HERE, **LANA**?



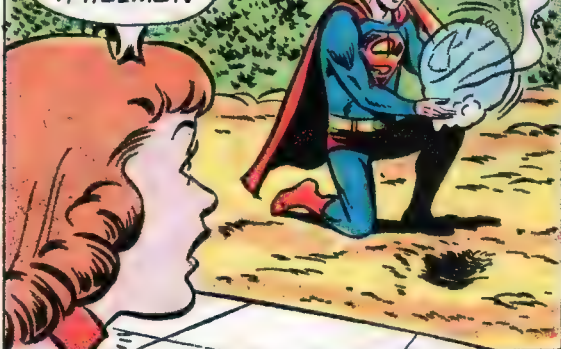
SEEING HER SCHEME FALLING APART, **LANA** THINKS FAST, AND...

SUPERBOY... GASP!... I FEEL FAINT! THE **XANTHU** AIR MUST BE BAD FOR ME! GET ME BACK TO EARTH QUICKLY!

AND TAKE YOU AWAY FROM YOUR DEVOTED **STAR BOY**? HE'D BE BROKEN-HEARTED, SO...



...THE HEAT OF MY INFRA-RED VISION WILL FUSE THE SILICON IN THIS SOIL INTO MOLTEN GLASS! THEN I'LL MOLD IT WITH MY HANDS INTO A HELMET!



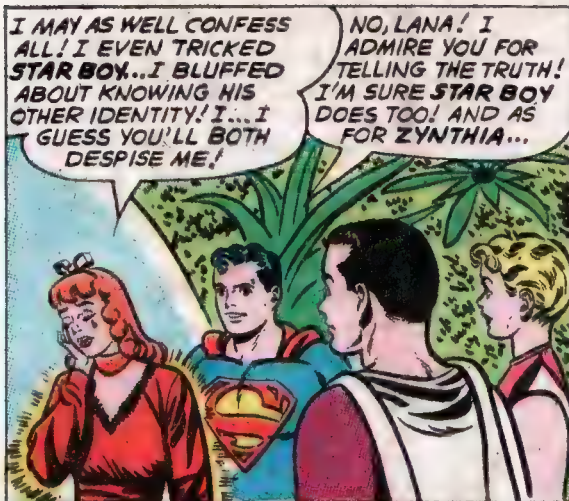
I EQUIPPED IT WITH A FILTER TO PURIFY THE AIR YOU BREATHE IN, **LANA!** NOW, **ZYNTHIA**, WHAT WAS I GOING TO SAY ABOUT YOUR LOVELY EYES!

GLUB!... JEEPERS! I... I'M LICKED! IT'S ALL A BIG MESS NOW! I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP MY SILLY SCHEME!



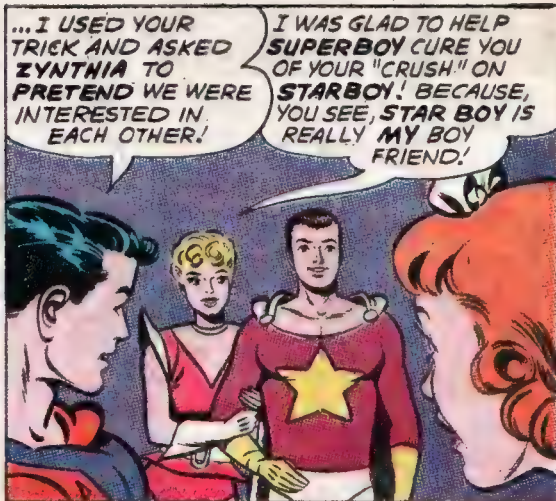
SUPERBOY, ...UH... **STAR BOY** DOESN'T MEAN A THING TO ME... OR ME TO HIM! I ONLY THREATENED TO EXPOSE HIS SECRET IDENTITY TO MAKE YOU JEALOUS! BUT NOW I'M... ER... THE ONE THAT'S JEALOUS... OVER **ZYNTHIA!**





I MAY AS WELL CONFESS ALL! I EVEN TRICKED STAR BOY... I BLUFFED ABOUT KNOWING HIS OTHER IDENTITY! I... I GUESS YOU'LL BOTH DESPISE ME!

NO, LANA! I ADMIRE YOU FOR TELLING THE TRUTH! I'M SURE STAR BOY DOES TOO! AND AS FOR ZYNTHIA...



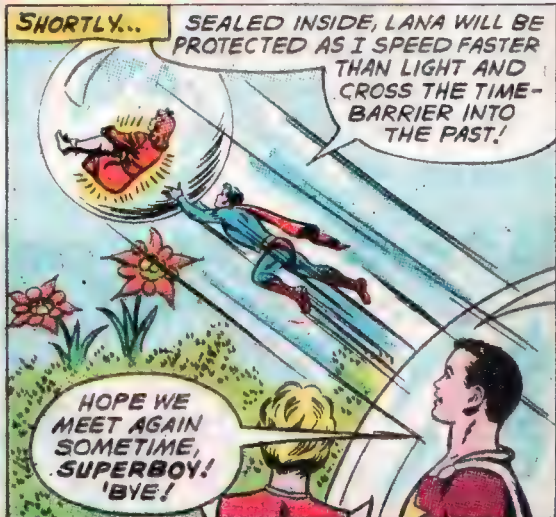
...I USED YOUR TRICK AND ASKED ZYNTHIA TO PRETEND WE WERE INTERESTED IN EACH OTHER!

I WAS GLAD TO HELP SUPERBOY CURE YOU OF YOUR "CRUSH" ON STARBOY! BECAUSE, YOU SEE, STAR BOY IS REALLY MY BOY FRIEND!



WELL, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL! AND THANKS FOR HELPING ME CATCH THAT CRIMINAL, SUPERBOY!

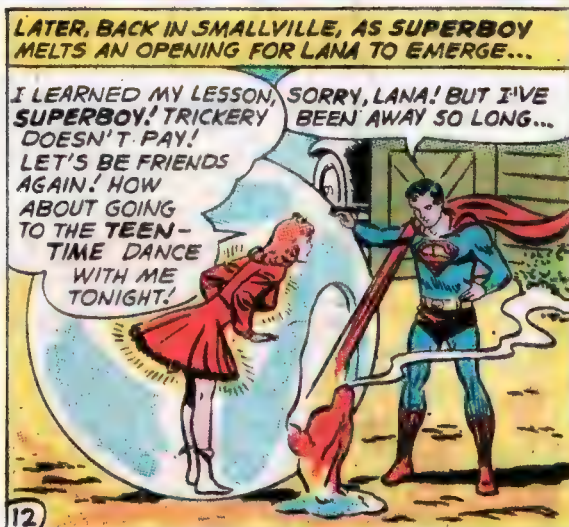
I WON'T NEED YOUR TIME-SHIP, STAR BOY! I'LL FUSE MORE SAND AND MOLD A SUPER-HARD GLASS BUBBLE!



SHORTLY...

SEALED INSIDE, LANA WILL BE PROTECTED AS I SPEED FASTER THAN LIGHT AND CROSS THE TIME-BARRIER INTO THE PAST!

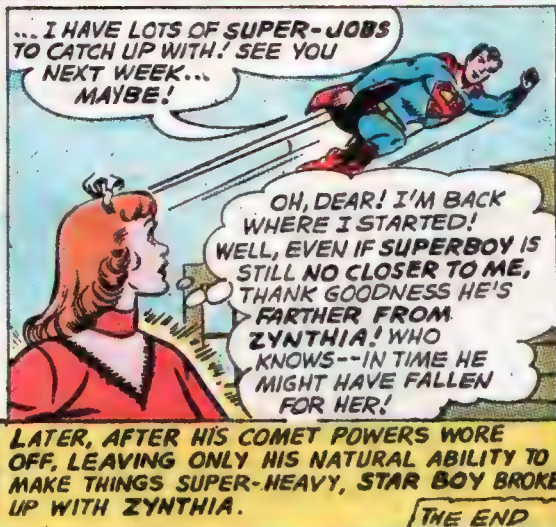
HOPE WE MEET AGAIN SOMETIME, SUPERBOY! 'BYE!



LATER, BACK IN SMALLVILLE, AS SUPERBOY MELTS AN OPENING FOR LANA TO EMERGE...

I LEARNED MY LESSON, SUPERBOY! TRICKERY DOESN'T PAY! LET'S BE FRIENDS AGAIN! HOW ABOUT GOING TO THE TEEN-TIME DANCE WITH ME TONIGHT!

SORRY, LANA! BUT I'VE BEEN AWAY SO LONG...

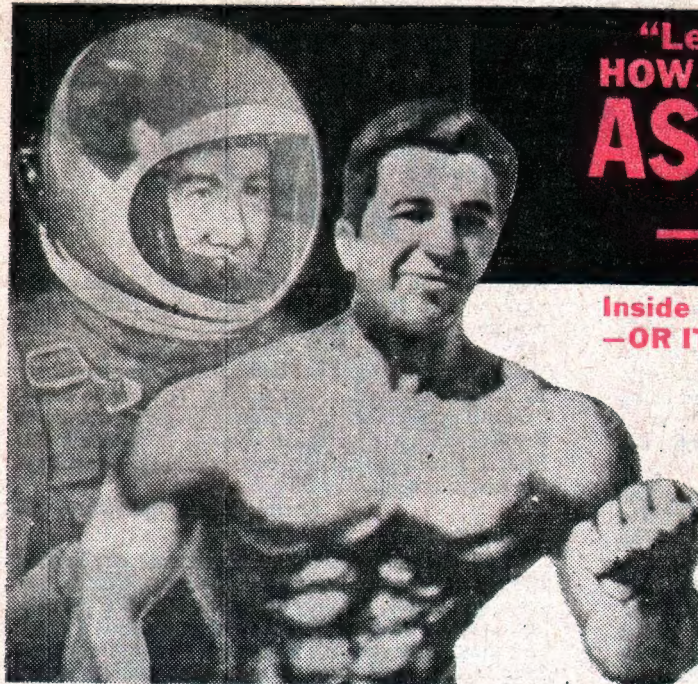


...I HAVE LOTS OF SUPER-JOBS TO CATCH UP WITH! SEE YOU NEXT WEEK... MAYBE!

OH, DEAR! I'M BACK WHERE I STARTED! WELL, EVEN IF SUPERBOY IS STILL NO CLOSER TO ME, THANK GOODNESS HE'S FARTHER FROM ZYNTHIA! WHO KNOWS--IN TIME HE MIGHT HAVE FALLEN FOR HER!

LATER, AFTER HIS COMET POWERS WORE OFF, LEAVING ONLY HIS NATURAL ABILITY TO MAKE THINGS SUPER-HEAVY, STAR BOY BROKE UP WITH ZYNTHIA.

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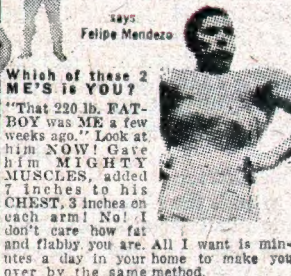
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Dear Editor:

How could you do this? I was shocked by Ferro Lad's death. And what was even worse, he didn't even have a decent funeral! He was only in the Legion for a few months, and he was my favorite Legionnaire. You got rid of him—now please bring him back.

—Paul Hoberg, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Editor:

The time: 3:30. The date: Feb. 23, 1968. The place: the comic-court. The trial: The comic fans of America versus ADVENTURE COMICS. The charge: The murder of Ferro Lad. The trial has raged for three days, 4 hours, 44 minutes and 53 seconds. Finally the jury returns. The verdict? Guilty, due to insanity! I'm sick and tired of killing after killing. Sure there's a population explosion, but bumping off poor, defenseless Legionnaires, such as one of Triplicate Girls' other selves, Ferro Lad, and even non-Legionnaires like Weight Wizard, Plant Lad and Blockade Boy is not the way to deal with it!

—John Harrison, Columbus, Ohio

Dear Editor:

I do hope Ferro Lad will not return, as I'd much rather see a Legion with a constantly changing membership. The entire idea would be unusual in comics—expendable heroes. When your favorite Legionnaire's in trouble, readers will not be sure he'll be saved as they are with Superman and Batman, who aren't going to be killed off for anything short of the destruction of DC. (Perish the thought!)

—Mark Evanier, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Editor:

Why did you have to go and kill off Ferro Lad? You warned us we'd be shocked! How true! Ferro Lad had the makings of a great Legionnaire. All right, he died a hero and he saved the galaxy. And killing super-heroes is what makes your comic realistic. Not that it's good to kill them, but it's okay once in a while.

—Anthony Pelosi, Corona, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

What's the idea of killing off Ferro Lad? You could have had Superboy fly the bomb into the Sun-Eater and live, but no! You had to have Ferro Lad do it! You're a nogoodnik!

—James VanSuch, Amityville, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Editor:

I was shocked when I found that Ferro Lad was dead. But even more surprising was the fact that he had a non-human face, an oddity among human-looking Legionnaires. Could you please show us what he looked like?

—Andy Franklin, Larchmont, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

It was no secret that a Legionnaire would die in this issue (No. 353)—the question was—which one? Superboy was naturally eliminated, as were Princess Projectra (promise of a boy friend in a future issue), Sun Boy (needed for return match with

Regulus) and Cosmic Boy (needed for Legion origin story). That left iron-clad Ferro Lad. This event, though sad, was needed. In two issues, all that Edmond Hamilton had done to dispell the theory that only villains get the bad breaks was erased by E. Nelson Bridwell. Now fandom is back to being "Doubting Thomases," rather than sitting secure in the knowledge that their favorite hero won't die. Still, I feel sad that the wise-cracking, never-say-die member will never be seen again.

—M. Shelby Silver, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Editor:

I had planned to ask if we would ever see behind the mysterious mask of Ferro Lad, but I can't. He no longer exists. Usually when you kill off a character, readers respond in a fury of anger. But I don't feel mad, only sad. It's as though I've lost my best friend. The first time I saw that sturdy metal frame, with the face hidden behind an odd mask, he was my favorite. Tell me, is there any chance that the hyper-atomic explosion which was said to have killed him actually threw him into another dimension?

—Gary Skinner, Columbus, Ohio

Dear Editor:

If you were going to kill a Legionnaire, you should have sacrificed an older member. Let the new members stay around for a while!

—Bill Harrison, Glenview, Ill.

(That's a sampling of the mail that's been flooding us ever since Ferro Lad perished. Maybe we'll show you his twin brother's face in some future Adult Legion tale. Meanwhile, the next issue has the Legionnaires wondering if they could have managed to save their iron-bodied buddy—and being haunted by "The Ghost of Ferro Lad!"—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

For membership in the Legion, I nominate the doctor who restored Bouncing Boy's power, Lightning Lad's arm and Matter-Eater Lad's shape. He would be great for a permanent Legion doctor. He could travel with the Super-Heroes on their missions and heal them when they get hurt.

—Morty Perry, Newport, R.I.

(The doc's too old for regular Legion membership, but on the other hand, the Legionnaires are too young to hold medical degrees. We just might give the doc an appointment as official LSH medic.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In No. 353, you say, "Can you picture U.N.C.L.E. making a pact with THRUSH?" Well, believe it or not, it has happened, in the book, "The Dagger Affair," No. 2 in the "Man from U.N.C.L.E." series.

—John Glasserman, North Miami Beach, Fla.

(Okay, we goofed—and we'll cry UNCLE before you give us the BIRD—a THRUSH, that is!—Ed.)

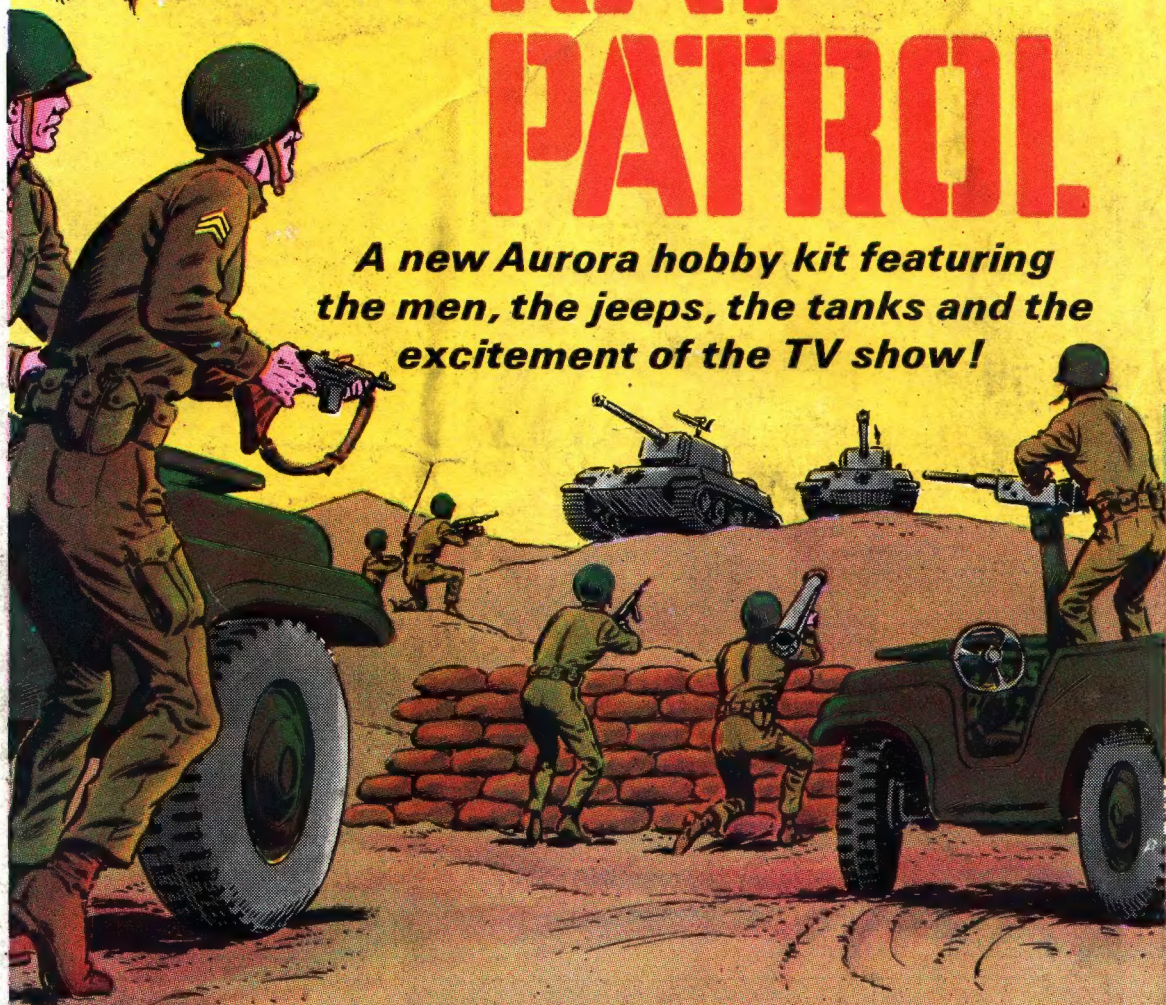
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